

VAMPI
#109



WARREN
MAGAZINE

OCT. 1982

VAMPIRELLA

WPS 38009 \$2.50

100 PAGE SUMMER SPECTACULAR!

**WHAT GHOSTS
AND DEMONS
LURK IN THE
CORRIDORS
OF THE MIND?**

**TEN SUPERNAL
TALES FEATURING
THE ART OF
JOSE GONZALEZ
AND FELIX MAS!**



IRON-ON



SUPERMAN SYMBOL—#26142/\$1.50

SUPERMANTM

UP, UP and AWAY with SOME of SUPERMAN'S FAVORITE THINGS!

1980

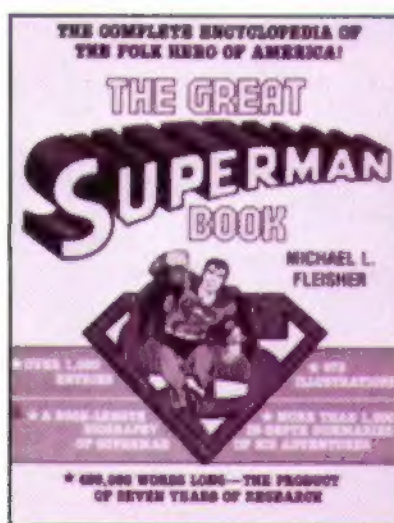
TM indicates Trademark of DC Comics Inc.



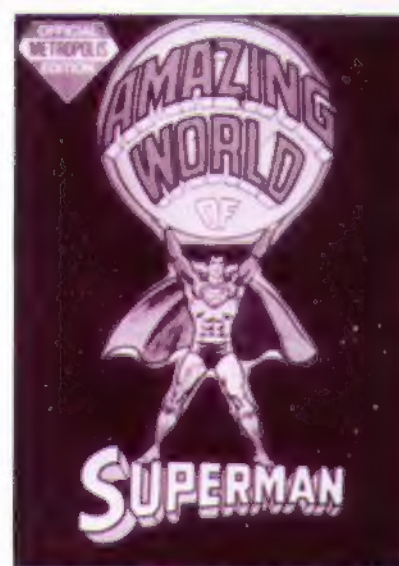
PORTRAIT POSTER: Chris Reeve as Superman on a big color poster! #29021/\$2.50



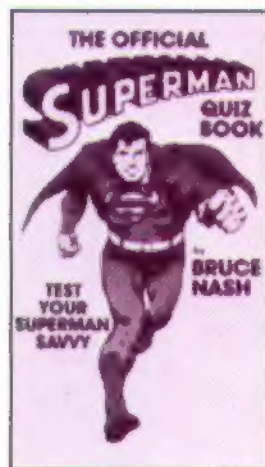
FAMOUS 1st EDITION: Large format (10 x 13") reproduction of the first issue of Superman! All the stories, ads and text from that classic edition, just as they appeared in 1939! Includes the origin of Superman from Action Comics #1! In full color! #21351/\$2.00



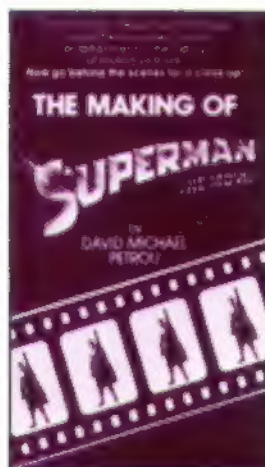
GREAT SUPERMAN BOOK: Encyclopedic chronicle of Superman's comic book adventures! Over 500 pages in length, with more than 450 illustrations, this definitive reference work summarizes more than 1000 of Superman's adventures! #21343/\$8.95



AMAZING WORLD OF SUPERMAN: Features on creating comics, drawing Superman, TV show, Superman's fortress, much more! 10 1/2 x 14" format! Color Krypton poster! #21154/\$2.95



QUIZ BOOK: More than 40 quizzes on Bizarros, Phantom Zone, Ma & Pa Kent, more! Illustrations thruout! #21340/\$1.95



MAKING OF SUPERMAN: The story behind the blockbuster movie! A first-hand account, with pictures! #21341/\$2.25



LAST SON OF KRYPTON: Exciting novelization of the Superman saga! With photos from the movie! #21352/\$2.25



TELEPHONE AND ADDRESS BOOK: A plastic spiral-bound directory with room for over 400 listings! #21356/\$2.50



SEARCH-A-WORD SHAPES: No X-ray vision needed for these puzzles...but better sharpen your wits! #21365/.95



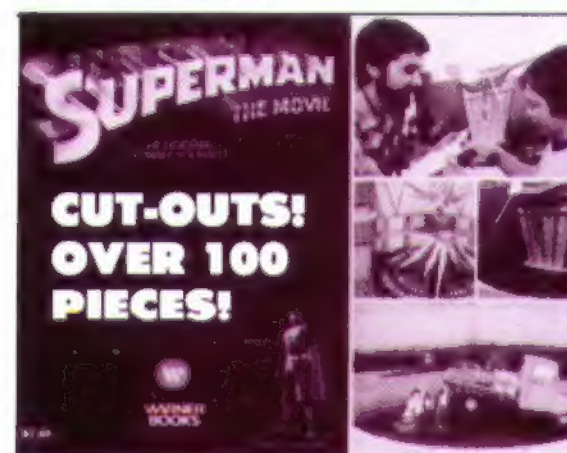
SUPERMAN: Five of his greatest adventures, featuring Luthor, Legion of Super Villains, Lori Lemaris, more! #21366/\$1.25



SUPERMAN PORTFOLIO: Twelve fabulous paintings of the scenes and set from the Superman movie! Printed on quality stock and measuring a full 11 x 14", all are in full color and suitable for framing! #21354/\$7.95



SUPERMAN BLUEPRINTS: Fifteen wonderfully detailed blueprints of the exotic sets from the Superman movie, including the Fortress of Solitude, Krypton, and more! Each 13 x 19" blueprint is to exact scale! #21353/\$6.95



SUPERMAN CUT-OUTS: The diorama you make yourself! Forms 3D action scenes of Krypton, Smallville, and Metropolis! Just cut, color, paste, and assemble, using ordinary household scissors and glue! #21355/\$7.95

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

VAMPIRELLA

NUMBER 109
OCTOBER 1982

5 VAMPIRELLA
15 THE SULTAN
23 DUNGEONS
33 NAMELESS
47 THE TOWER
55 MIRANDA
63 DORIAN GRAY
71 THE KILLER
81 MINRA
88 CHANGES

JAMES WARREN
Publisher

TIMOTHY MORIARTY
Editor

DAVID ALLIKAS
Assistant Editor

W.R. MOHALLEY
Art Director

Writers

GERRY BOUDREAU
T. CASEY BRENNAN
BILL DuBAY
DON GLUT
JOHN JACOBSON
ED NEWSOME
FRED OTT
STEVE SKEATES
CARL WESSLER

ROY R. ARMJOS
Art Production

RICHARD HECHT
Art Production

LORI FANCHER
Advertising Production

Cover
SANJULIAN

Artists

JOSE GONZALEZ
FELIX MAS



VAMPIRELLA NO. 109 PUBLISHED MONTHLY EXCEPT FEBRUARY, JUNE & NOVEMBER BY WARREN PUBLISHING CO. EDITORIAL, SUBSCRIPTION & BUSINESS OFFICES: 145 EAST 32nd STREET, N.Y., N.Y. 10016. TELEPHONE: (212) 683-8050 USPS #984080 SUBSCRIPTIONS: 9 ISSUES FOR \$18.00 IN THE U.S.; CANADA & ELSEWHERE \$22.00 SECOND-CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT N.Y., N.Y. & AT ADDITIONAL MAILING OFFICES. ENTIRE CONTENTS COPYRIGHT © 1972, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1982 BY WARREN PUBLISHING CO. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD UNDER THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTIONS & THE PAN AMERICAN CONVENTION. VAMPIRELLA IS REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE. MARCA REGISTRADA. MARQUE DÉPOSÉE. NOTHING MAY BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE PUBLISHERS. SORRY, NO RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR UNSOLICITED MATERIAL PRINTED IN THE U.S.A. NEW SUBSCRIBERS, PLEASE ALLOW 8 WEEKS DELIVERY OF FIRST ISSUE. POSTMASTER: PLEASE SEND ALL CHANGES OF ADDRESS TO WARREN PUBLISHING CO., 145 E. 32nd ST., NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016.

CONCERNING OUR MAIL ORDER ADVERTISEMENTS: Warren Publishing guarantees our merchandise will be replaced if not received in satisfactory condition. Should you need to write us concerning an order, whether it be from our address, or a Post Office address, send your letter to: E.C. Ives, Customer Service Dept., Warren Publishing Co. 145 East 32nd Street, New York, New York 10016.

VAMPI'S VIVACIOUS VIGNETTES

This month, **Vampi** has some news that you can really sink your fangs into! Like the return of the **Warhawks** in 1994, and the debut of **Glythis** in **EERIE**! Another **Warren** magazine going color! More covers from **Corben**! And other announcements! But don't take our word for it! Read on!



WARHAWKS BACK IN 1994!

Around here, good characters never disappear! It may take us three years or more to revive them...but they never disappear! Remember the **Warhawks** from 1984 #6? (Yes...from so long ago that the magazine had a different title!) With the birth of our new **GOBLIN** magazine, **Bill DuBay** decided to give his controversial creations a series of their own! But when **Abel Laxamana's** pencils came in, **Dube** decided that **Warner Hawk** and his band of violence-crazed vigilantes would be more at home right back where they started—in the pages of our adult science fantasy magazine. All you over-18 readers can see for yourselves what we mean in the October issue of 1994 (#27)!



SO? NO ONE'S PERFECT!

For about the hundredth time this month, we prove it...we're human! In several editions of last month's fan page, we reported that **EERIE** #135 would contain the **Starlad** color comic book insert...and that **EERIE** #136 would be an all-**Steve Ditko** issue! Well, reverse that! (Not that it wasn't true at the time we printed it, but plans have changed.) So, if you couldn't wait to read the ten best tales **Steve** has ever drawn for us, bound between the covers of a single magazine, now you get to see it a little sooner! If you were busting to see **Bill DuBay** and **Vic Catan's** work on **Warren's** first pre-teen super-hero, now you get to eagerly anticipate it a little longer! See? Even when we blow it, we spread sunshine and happiness throughout the universe!



GLYTHIS DEBUTS IN EERIE!

We're announcing so many new series these days, it seems like we'll soon run out of magazines to put them in! But we had to make room for our newest feature...**Glythis**! For one thing, **Timothy Moriarty's** storyline about a terrible accident that unites and confuses the lives of an earthman and an alien was among the most compelling we've seen this year! For another, we had to get ex-**Zud Kamish** illustrator **E.R. Cruz** busy before the competition grabbed him! Between **The Rook**, the continuing sagas of **Haggarth** and **Spacewrecked**, and the all-new **Starlad** and **Glythis**, life just won't be worth living without **EERIE** #136 (on sale August 17)!



SUN STROKES OF GENIUS!

In the past year's run of 1994, **Alex Nino** has boggled readers' brains with a 14-page spread, a 10-page story that combines into an eight-sided picture, and a spread in the August 1994 (#26) that extends infinitely in two directions (believe us—that's as close as we can come to describing it!). So the last time **Alex** phoned us from the Philippines, we had to ask him—where do you get the inspiration for these flights of frenzy? His answer was: "Sometimes, when I'm sitting out in the sun for a long time...I go mad!" Well, chances are that **Alex's** method won't work for everyone...but just in case, we're building all our artists drawing boards on the beach!



WE'VE GOT 'EM COVERED!

You can debate about who produces the best comics in the industry. (You can come to only one sensible conclusion...but we'll admit there's room for debate!) However, when a **Warrenite** starts talking covers, fans of other comics companies sink into the shadows! Back-to-back **Richard Corben's** (on **CREEPY** #'s 140 and 141) blew the competition off the newsstands! **Rudy Nebres'** comic book-look covers have placed **THE GOBLIN** and our portfolio issues of **CREEPY** and **EERIE** among the hottest sellers in collector's shops around the country! (Wasn't it **Socrates** who said: "Life holds no greater joy than invading the other dude's turf"?!) More is on the way from **Rich** and **Rudy**, as well as from such brush-wielding wonders as **Enrich** and **Sanjulian**. So, judge our books by their covers, or by their insides...**Warren's** comics will stack up against anyone's! (Especially since ours are at least twice as thick!)



FM COLOR AND YEARBOOK!

Have you caught the new color section in **FAMOUS MONSTERS**? The first one, in **FM** #186, spotlighted "Tron" and "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"! The second, in the current issue (#187), features "Creepshow" and "The Thing"! We're thinking of asking the studios for a cut...because when you see how gorgeous these color sections are, you'll rush right out and see the movies! (On second thought...they may scare you into staying away!) In either case, the **FM** color section is not to be missed...and neither is our 1982 Yearbook (#188, on sale August 17)! Details will follow...as soon as we know them!

COMING WARREN MAGAZINES

FAMOUS MONSTERS #187: The latest celluloid chills! Including color sections on "The Thing" and "Creepshow," plus photo-filled features on "Star Trek," "Dark Shadows," **John Carradine**, all our regular departments, & other sickening surprises! ON SALE JULY 20!

1994 #27: Soaring, searing adult fantasy! **The Warhawks** by **Bill DuBay** and **Abel Laxamana**! **Ariel Hart** by **DuBay** and **Peter Hsu**! "Big Dollhouse of Space" by **J. Sech** and **Delando Nino**! **Angel** by **DuBay** & **Nebres**! **Maroto's Diana Jacklighter**! ON SALE AUGUST 3!

CREEPY #142: A 96-page summer special featuring eleven stories by **Angelo Torres**...ten of them never before reprinted! Here are the finest **Torres-Archie Goodwin** collaborations from the early days of **CREEPY**, **EERIE** and **BLAZING COMBAT**! ON SALE AUGUST 10!

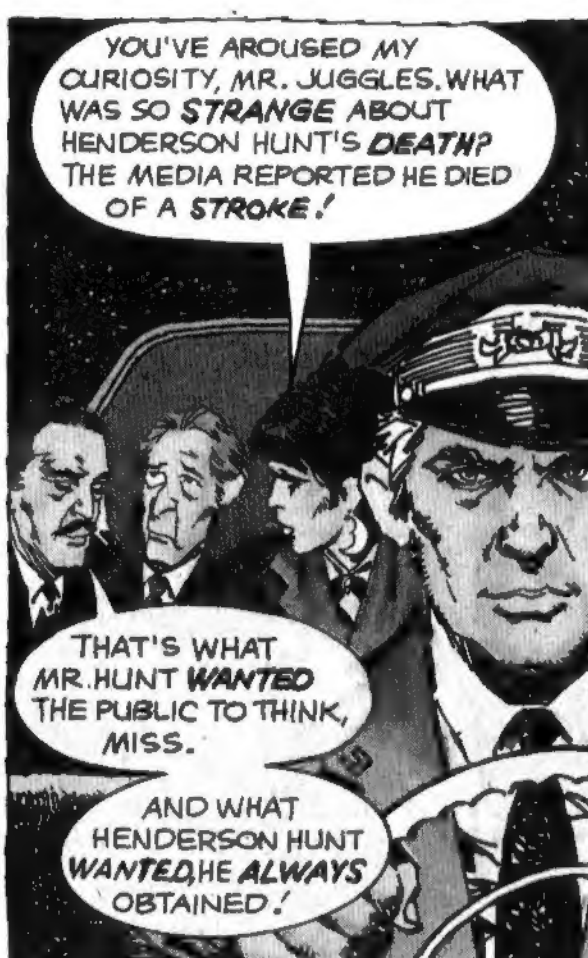
EERIE #136: All-new heroic adventure! Featuring **The Rook** in the conclusion to "The Fallen!" **Haggarth** in the final chapter of the **Kanthar Stones** episode! The continuing saga of **Spacewrecked**! And **Starlad** in a full color comic book insert! ON SALE AUGUST 17!

GOBLIN #3: Another issue of all-new asininity! Introducing the art team of **Alex Nino** and **Lee Elias** on the **Goblin**! Plus the **Micro-Buccaneers**, the **Tin Man**, **Wizard Wormglow**, and the **Troll Patrol** in a full color comic book insert! It's a riot! ON SALE AUGUST 17!



VAMPIRELLA







WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CHARLIE? T-THAT HENDERSON ISN'T DEAD?

PEN... I'VE TOLD NO ONE THIS... FOR FEAR THEY WOULD THINK ME INSANE!

I... I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU! YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN WHO WILL BELIEVE ME!

H-HENDERSON ISN'T IN THAT GRAVE, PEN!

HENDERSON **KNEW** THE END WAS NEAR. HE ORDERED ME TO READY HIS JET FOR IT'S FINAL FLIGHT. HE WANTED TO GO **HOME**... TO DIE IN HIS NATIVE TEXAS!"



"PEN... I **SWEAR**... WHEN I HELPED THE BOSS ABOARD THAT PLANE, THERE WAS NO ONE BUT HIM AND ME IN THAT BIRD!"

"I... I'M NOT SURE **WHERE** HE IS. T-THE LAST I SAW OF HIM WAS ONE WEEK AGO. H-HE LOOKED LIKE **DEATH** WARMED OVER."

"HE WAS SO WEAK. RUN DOWN. **AGE** HAD CHASED HIM TO THE EDGE OF HIS GRAVE, AND WAS PUSHING HARD TO SHOVE HIM **IN**!"

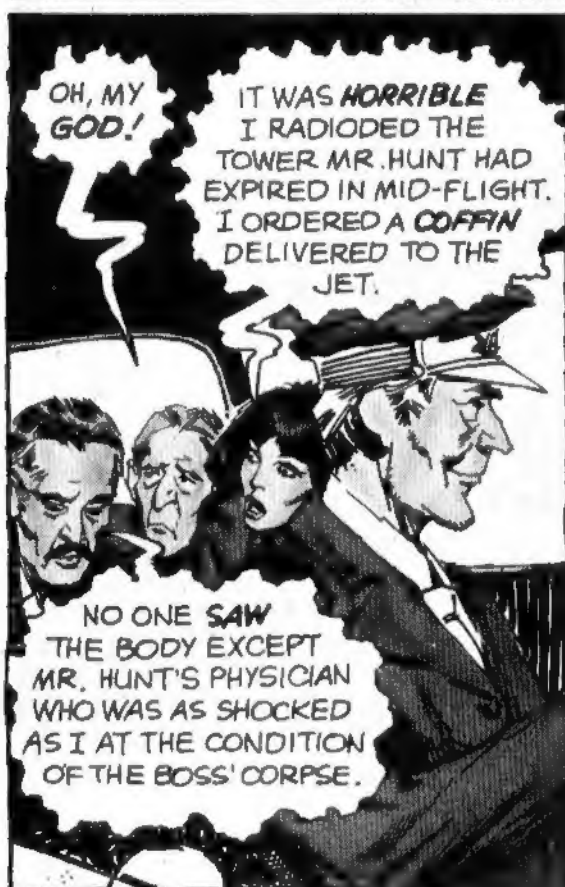


"I FLEW THE PLANE FROM ACAPULCO TO HOUSTON WHILE H.H., I **THOUGHT**, SLEPT IN THE REARWARD CABIN."

"BUT WHEN I LANDED THAT BIRD ON TEXAS SOIL, AND WENT TO HELP HENDERSON DISEMBARK... I FOUND... I FOUND... A **NIGHTMARE**!"



"HIS **BRAIN** AND HIS **EYES** HAD BEEN **CUT OUT** OF HIS SKULL!"



OH, MY GOD!

IT WAS **HORRIBLE** I RADIOED THE TOWER MR. HUNT HAD EXPIRED IN MID-FLIGHT. I ORDERED A **COFFIN** DELIVERED TO THE JET.

NO ONE **SAW** THE BODY EXCEPT MR. HUNT'S PHYSICIAN WHO WAS AS SHOCKED AS I AT THE CONDITION OF THE BOSS' CORPSE.



HE **FALSIFIED** THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, CLAIMING H.H. HAD DIED OF A STROKE.

THE COFFIN WAS **SEALED** AND NO ONE WAS THE WISER.

B-BUT I **SWEAR** TO YOU, PEN... I... I JUST DON'T **KNOW** WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOSS WHILE I WAS PILOTING THAT PLANE!



THUD!

W-WHO COULD HAVE STOLEN A MAN'S **BRAIN**... AND **WHY**--? **HUH?**

PEN! LOOK! G-GAS! **CHOKES** N-NOOO BLACKING OUT! **COUGH!**

SOME TIME LATER, TWO DROWSY FIGURES STIR... AND SLOWLY REGAIN STUNNED, SLEEPY SENSES.

P-PEN!
A-ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

V-VAMPI...
W-WHERE
ARE WE?



I'M NOT SURE
THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER
IS THE CAR...
THE GAS!

CHARLIE!
WHERE'S
CHARLIE? WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
HIM?



IF WE FIND
OUT WHERE WE
ARE... JUST MAYBE
WE'LL BE ABLE TO
FIND YOUR FRIEND--!
AGHHH!

T-THOSE
LIGHTS--!

SO BRIGHT...
W-WHERE ARE
THEY COMING
FROM?



OH MY GOD
NOOO!

OH LORDY... I
SWEAR I HAVEN'T
TOUCHED A DROP ALL
MORNING! W-WHY IS
THIS HAPPENING
TO ME?

EITHER WE'RE
UPSIDE DOWN... OR
THIS ROOM IS.



HI HO!
HI HO! IT'S
OFF TO PLAY
WE GO!

LOOK,
MATEYS! IT'S
A WOMAN!
HE! HE!

HA! HA! HA!
ME AIN'T SEEN A
LADY SINCE SNOW
LOST HER
WHITENESS!
HE! HOO!

AT 'ER,
ME
BOYOS!



PEN...
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?

HA! HA! IT'S
MORE FUN THAN
PLAYIN' IN THE MINE
FIELDS, EH, ME
LADIES?

HANDS OFF,
O'SULLIVAN... THAT
CHUNK O' ER IS
MINE!



PENNNN--!



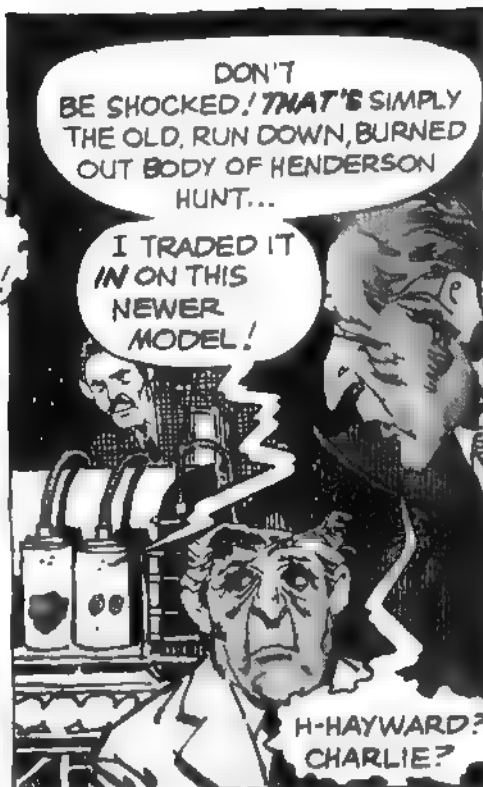




HENDERSON?

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN...!

OH DEAR LORD!



DON'T BE SHOCKED! *THAT'S* SIMPLY THE OLD, RUN DOWN, BURNED OUT BODY OF HENDERSON HUNT...

I TRADED IT IN ON THIS NEWER MODEL!

H-HAYWARD? CHARLIE?



I-IS THAT REALLY Y-YOU?

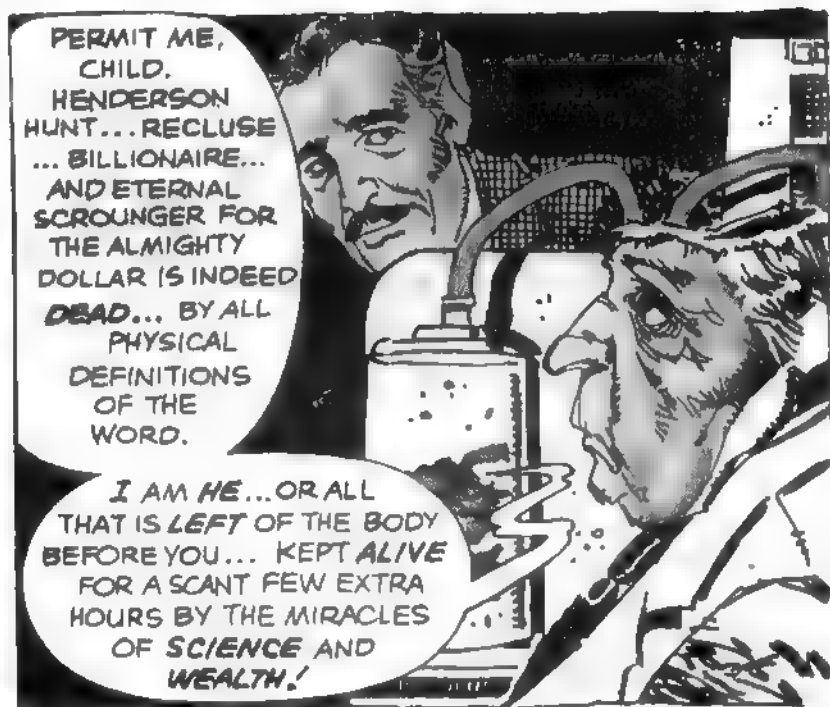
ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ME, PEN... TWO WATER-LOGGED EYES AND A SENILE, OFTEN-FORGETFUL BRAIN...

...ALL HELD TOGETHER WITH COMPUTER CIRCUITRY THAT'LL KEEP ME RUNNING TILL MY DURACELLS RUN DOWN!



I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE OUR LITTLE RUSE, PEN. I WANTED SO MUCH TO SEE YOU BEFORE THEY REALLY DO BURY ME... AND I COULD THINK OF NO *SURER* WAY TO GET YOU HERE THAN BY HAVING CHARLIE CONCOCT HIS TALE BEFORE KNOCKING YOU OUT WITH SLEEPING GAS!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS!



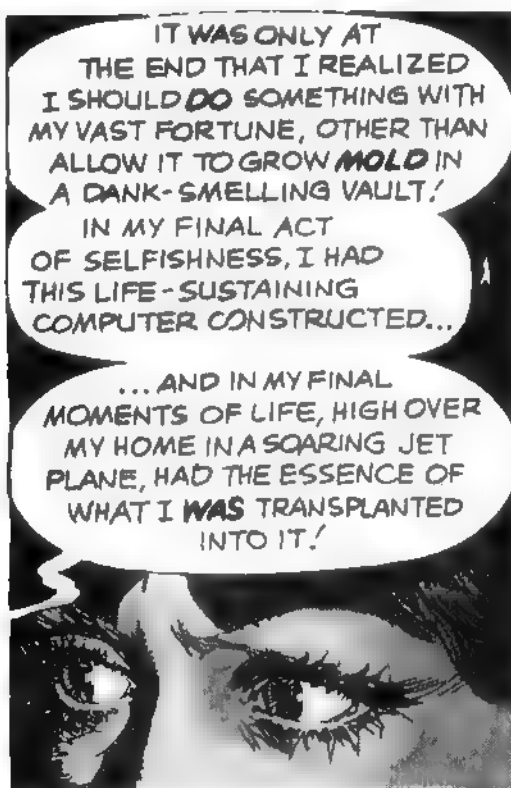
PERMIT ME, CHILD. HENDERSON HUNT... RECLUSE ... BILLIONAIRE... AND ETERNAL SCROUNGER FOR THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR IS INDEED DEAD... BY ALL PHYSICAL DEFINITIONS OF THE WORD.

I AM HE... OR ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE BODY BEFORE YOU... KEPT ALIVE FOR A SCANT FEW EXTRA HOURS BY THE MIRACLES OF SCIENCE AND WEALTH!



MY FRIENDS... BEFORE YOU IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF A MAN WHO WASTED HIS LIFE. I WAS SO BUSY MAKING MONEY AND LOSING FRIENDS THAT I WAS NOT EVEN AWARE OF MY WASTEFULNESS UNTIL THE END...

...UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST TOO LATE!



IT WAS ONLY AT THE END THAT I REALIZED I SHOULD DO SOMETHING WITH MY VAST FORTUNE, OTHER THAN ALLOW IT TO GROW MOLD IN A DANK-SMELLING VAULT!

IN MY FINAL ACT OF SELFISHNESS, I HAD THIS LIFE-SUSTAINING COMPUTER CONSTRUCTED...

...AND IN MY FINAL MOMENTS OF LIFE, HIGH OVER MY HOME IN A SOARING JET PLANE, HAD THE ESSENCE OF WHAT I WAS TRANSPLANTED INTO IT!



THE MACHINE HAS ALLOWED ME, FOR A SHORT TIME, TO BE REBORN. BUT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE SO THAT OTHERS MY BENEFIT

I'M GOING TO TRY TO ATONE FOR THE SELFISH WAYS OF MY LAST SEVENTY YEARS!



PEN, OLD FRIEND... YOU AND MY LOYAL CHARLES ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN A LIFETIME THAT I HAVE EVER CALLED MY **FRIENDS!**

THE THREE OF US STUDIED **ILLUSIONRY** TOGETHER. WE SHARED THE BEST OF TIMES. WE SHARED THE WORST OF TIMES. WE WERE PENNILESS THEN... BUT WE ALWAYS HAD OUR **COMPANIONSHIP!**

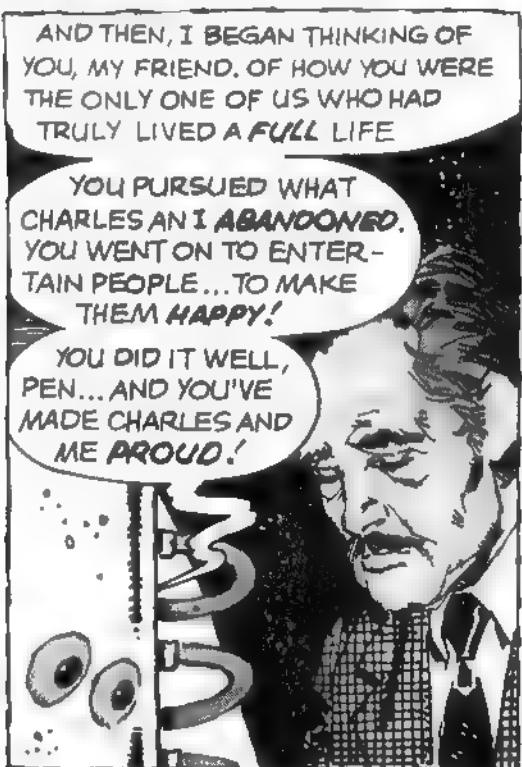


WHEN MY FATHER DIED AND LEFT ME HIS HOLDINGS, I... I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU TURNED **AWAY** FROM ME, OLD FRIEND. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEN WHY YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HELP ME IN MY PURSUIT GREATER **WEALTH.**

I KNEW YOU WERE **DISGUSTED** BY MY SUDDEN MATERIALISM... BUT I BECAME SO **OBSESSED** WITH ACCUMULATING DIRTY GREEN **PAPER** THAT I DIDN'T CARE **WHAT** YOU OR THE REST OF THE WORLD THOUGHT!



I **NEVER** CARED, PEN... EVEN IN MY LONELY HOURS OF SOLITUDE...! NEVER UNTIL THE **END.**



AND THEN, I BEGAN THINKING OF YOU, MY FRIEND. OF HOW YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO HAD TRULY LIVED A **FULL LIFE**

YOU PURSUED WHAT CHARLES AND I **ABANDONED.** YOU WENT ON TO ENTERTAIN PEOPLE... TO MAKE THEM **HAPPY!**

YOU DID IT WELL, PEN... AND YOU'VE MADE CHARLES AND ME **PROUD!**



THIS IS THE **GATEWAY TO WONDERLAND**

IT CAME TO ME, PEN SOMETHING I HAD FORGOTTEN **FORTY YEARS AGO!** I REMEMBERED HOW YOU, CHARLES AND I USED TO TALK ABOUT OPENING A **WONDERLAND...** A PLACE OF **MAGIC** AND **DREAMS**, WHERE PEOPLE COULD COME TO FORGET THEIR TROUBLES.



I **REMEMBERED**, PEN. TOO LATE... IN MY FINAL MOMENTS, I REMEMBERED, AND I VOWED I WOULD SEE THAT DREAM BECOME **REALITY!**

A-AND YOU **HAVE**, MR. HUNT...! T-THAT YOU **HAVE!**

AND IT'S **BEAUTIFUL!**



YOU WERE THE **FIRST**, PEN. YOU'VE BEEN THE FIRST PERSON TO PLAY IN MY AMUSEMENT PARADISE. A-AND I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW... **FRIEND...** THAT I'VE BUILT IT FOR **YOU** MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!



TOMORROW, WONDERLAND WILL OPEN TO THE WORLD. IT WILL BE **FREE...** TOTALLY **FREE...** AND THERE WILL BE **OTHER** WONDERLANDS OPENING IN ALL THE COUNTRIES THAT NEED THEM MOST!

IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME HENDERSON HUNT HAS EVER **LOST** MONEY ON A VENTURE...



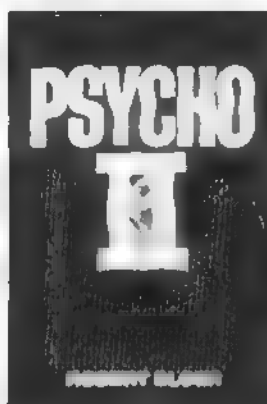
...BUT Y'KNOW SOMETHING, MY FRIENDS... IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER TRULY BEEN **HAPPY!**

THIS IS THE **GATEWAY TO WONDERLAND**

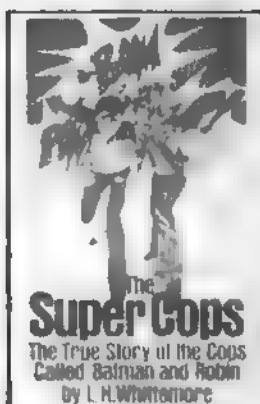
MOTION PICTURE PAPERBACKS



KING KONG: Complete script from Dino DeLaurentis' lavish \$24 million remake! #21228/\$1.95



PSYCHO II: Long-awaited sequel by Robert Bloch, author of Psycho! A scream! #21446/\$3.50



SUPER COPS: True story of the two police officers nicknamed Batman & Robin! #21098/\$1.50



FANTASTIC VOYAGE: A voyage in microscopic size into the body of man! By Asimov. #21015/\$.95



BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: First novel from the TV series! Gripping space saga! #21348/\$1.95



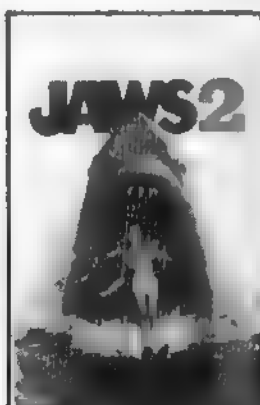
BATTLESTAR GALACTICA 2: Starbuck & Apollo battle a planet of lost ones! #21371/\$1.95



MALTESE FALCON: Dashiell Hammett's classic starring private eye Sam Spade! #21102/\$1.25



THIN MAN: Another suspense-filled tale by Hammett, featuring Nick Charles! #21101/\$1.25



JAWS 2: Just when you thought it was safe to open a book...a new shark strikes! #21306/\$2.25



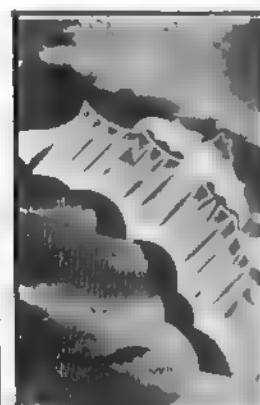
ALIEN: Novelization of the sci-fi smash! A monster runs amok on a spaceship! #21381/\$2.25



DR. PHIBES: A half-dead madman with a horrific plan: to murder London's doctors! #21077/.95



BODY SNATCHERS: Novel that furnished the seed for two great motion pictures! #21333/\$1.95



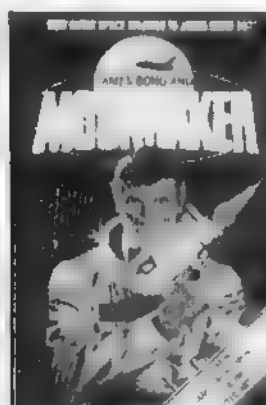
NIGHTWING: No warm-blooded creature is safe as vampire bats fill the skies! #21367/\$2.25



OUTLAND: The men of lo...moon of Jupiter, hell in space...are dying mysteriously! #21424/\$2.75



NOSFERATU THE VAMPIRE: Modern version of the Dracula classic! Spellbinding! #21362/\$2.25



MOONRAKER: 007's epic space adventure...featuring the ruthless, toothless Jaws! #21386/\$2.25



METEOR: Novelization of the movie! An onrushing meteor threatens to destroy earth! #21390/\$2.25



METEOR SCRAPBOOK: Inside story of the film, including exciting photos & true data! #21392/\$1.95

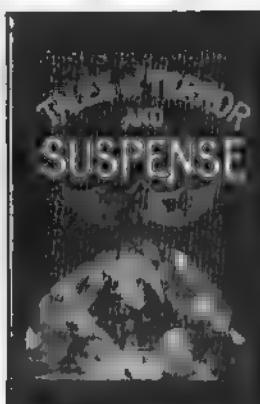
THRILL-PACKED PAPERBACKS!



JUSTICE, INC.: Origin of the Avenger, great 40's pulp hero by Kenneth Robeson! #21061/.95



YELLOW HOARD: Criminals' hunt for Aztec gold unleashes the Avenger's wrath! #21062/.95



TALES OF TERROR & SUSPENSE: Poe, Doyle, Kipling, Collins, Bradbury, more! #21447/.50



BUCK ROGERS—MAN ON BETA: The most incredible quest of Buck's career! #21244/\$1.95



SERPICO: The incredible true story of a cop who defied the system! By Per Maas. #21097/\$1.75



THX 1138: George Lucas' story of a future where love is the ultimate crime! #21317/\$1.95

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

HIGH ADVENTURE PAPERBACKS



DAY OF DALEKS: Dr. Who is trapped in the 22nd century by his most ruthless foes! #21358/\$1.75



DOOMSDAY WEAPON: Can Dr. Who dismantle it before the evil Master triggers it? #21359/\$1.75



GENESIS OF DALEKS: Dalek creator thwarts Dr. Who's plan to prevent their birth! #21370/\$1.75



WENG-CHIANG: A deformed criminal poses as a Chinese god to abduct women! #21402/\$1.75



CYBERMEN: Dr. Who is caught in the middle of the warring Cybermen & Vogans! #21378/\$1.95



ANDROID INVASION: Dr. Who faces zombies, Kraals, and his own android clone! #21404/\$1.95



BACK TO STONE AGE: Dinosaurs & danger 500 miles beneath the earth's surface! #21025/\$1.95



FARTHEST STAR: Tang or faces a cruel veteran of a thousand galactic battles! #21026/\$1.25



ETERNAL SAVAGE: Girl meets handsome warrior and is thrust back to stone age! #21027/\$1.50



CAVE GIRL: Rich man fights to survive on a lost island of primitive men and beasts! #21106/.95



OAKDALE AFFAIR: Lady vanishes! Man pursued by murderous hobos! Bizarre! #21142/\$1.95

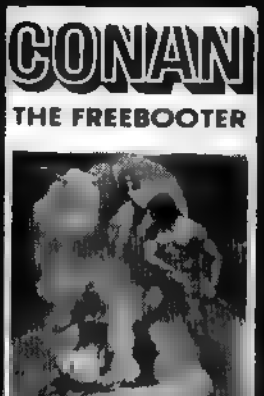


MUCKER: Shipwrecked in a Far East jungle, slum-dweller fights viciously for survival! #21141/\$1.50

CONAN PAPERBACK BOOKS!



CONAN: The classic opening episode of the Conan saga, plus six more epics! #21239-\$2.25



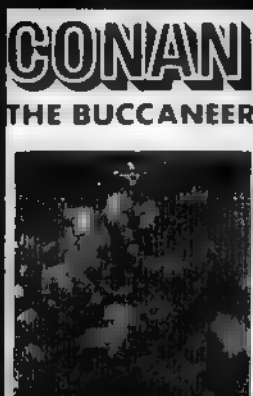
FREEBOOTER: Five action-packed tales of the most prestigious barbarian ever! #21241-\$2.25



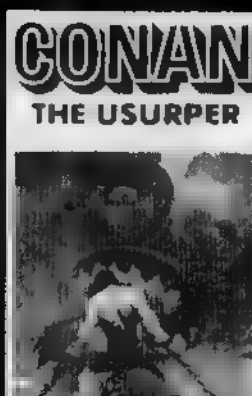
WANDERER: Conan has to steel his courage to battle a warrior of living metal! #21242-\$2.25



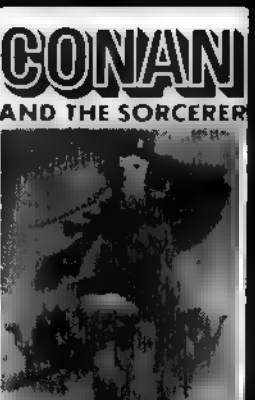
ADVENTURER: Thief, pirate, warrior, mercenary, king--this is Conan! Exciting sagas! #21243-\$2.25



BUCCANEER: Conan faces the demonic power of Thoth-Amon in search of treasure! #21244-\$2.25



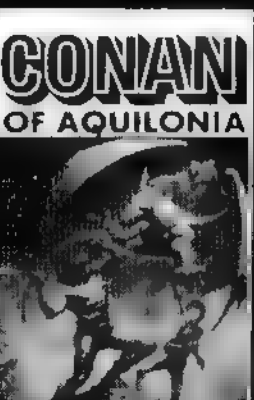
USURPER: The barbarian fights savagely in four adventures! Cover by Frazetta! #21246-\$2.25



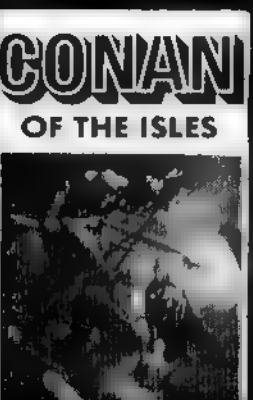
SORCERER: An epic adventure illustrated by Esteban Maroto! Cover by Sanjulian! #21327-\$2.25



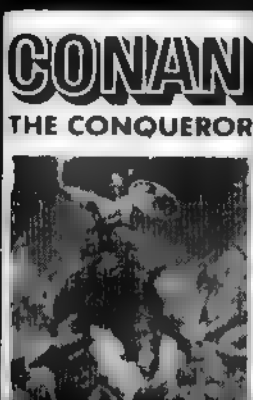
AVENGER: Queen Zenobia is stolen from Conan! He cannot rest until he finds her! #21248-\$2.25



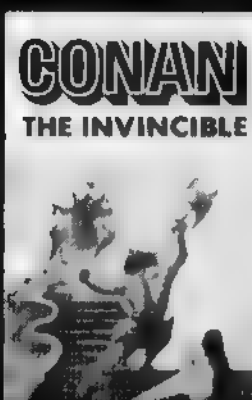
AQUILONIA: A deadly pursuit ensues as Conan loses his son to Thoth-Amon! #21249-\$2.25



THE ISLES: The coming of a sudden catastrophe forces Conan to leave his kingdom! #21250-\$2.25



CONQUEROR: His body in chains, his mind under Xaltotum's power, Conan fights on! #21247-\$2.25



INVINCIBLE: A new Conan adventure, published for the first time in '82! 288 pp.! #21444-\$2.95

WINTER CAME IN LIKE A CAT BURGLAR.
IT ENTERED SWIFTLY AND STEALTHILY
PLUNDERING EVERY VESTIGE OF
SUMMER WARMTH.

IN LESS THAN A YEAR, MICHAEL
MAILER LEARNED THAT BEING
AN **ARTIST** IN NEW YORK
CITY WAS SOMEWHAT AKIN
TO BEING A **KAMIKAZE**...
AN INESCAPABLE ROUTE TO
CERTAIN **STARVATION**. A
CONFERENCE WITH THE
PAWNBROKER USUALLY
PRECEDED A **BARTERING**
SESSION WITH THE **GROGGER**...

AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT,
HIS EFFORTS WERE
FRUITLESS!

IT WAS GOING TO BE A
LONG, COLD, **HUNGRY**
WINTER THIS YEAR.



THE SULTAN OF 42nd STREET

THAT'S
ABSOLUTELY **HIDEOUS**!
I WONDER WHAT THE
ARTIST WAS **SMOKING**
WHEN HE PAINTED
THAT?!?

HIS NAME WAS
HENRI GASTON! IT
WAS ONE OF A
SERIES ON THE MANY
FACES OF **DEATH**. HE
WAS NEVER VERY
SUCCESSFUL, I'M AFRAID!
YOU CAN **BUY** HIS
PAINTINGS VERY
CHEAPLY!

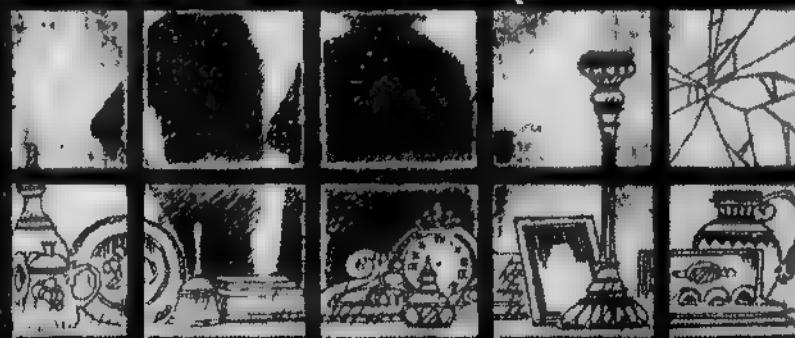
SAY... **THREE
DOLLARS?!?**

MAILER KNEW THE TIME WOULD COME WHEN HE WOULD
REGRET THIS... THE NEXT TIME HE PEERED INTO AN
EMPTY REFRIGERATOR. BUT NOW, THE **IMPULSE**
POSSESSED HIM.

**THREE
DOLLARS!** THE
CANVAS ALONE
IS WORTH MORE
THAN THAT!

THEN
BUY IT! WHAT
HAVE YOU TO
LOSE?!

JOHN NECH



PAUPERS, OUT OF NECESSITY, DEVELOP SOME *VERY* PRACTICAL IDEAS. MAILER HAD ALREADY RESOLVED TO *OBLITERATE* THE MORBID PAINTING WITH WHITE ZINC, AND USE IT FOR HIS *OWN* PURPOSES.

SHE HAD INVADDED HIS THOUGHTS FOR NEARLY A YEAR ...TAUNTING HIM, SEDUCING HIM, *OBSESSING* HIM. THE IMAGE OF THIS LOVELY, MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WAS THE *FOUNTAIN* FROM WHICH HIS MOST PRIVATE *FANTASIES* FLOWED...



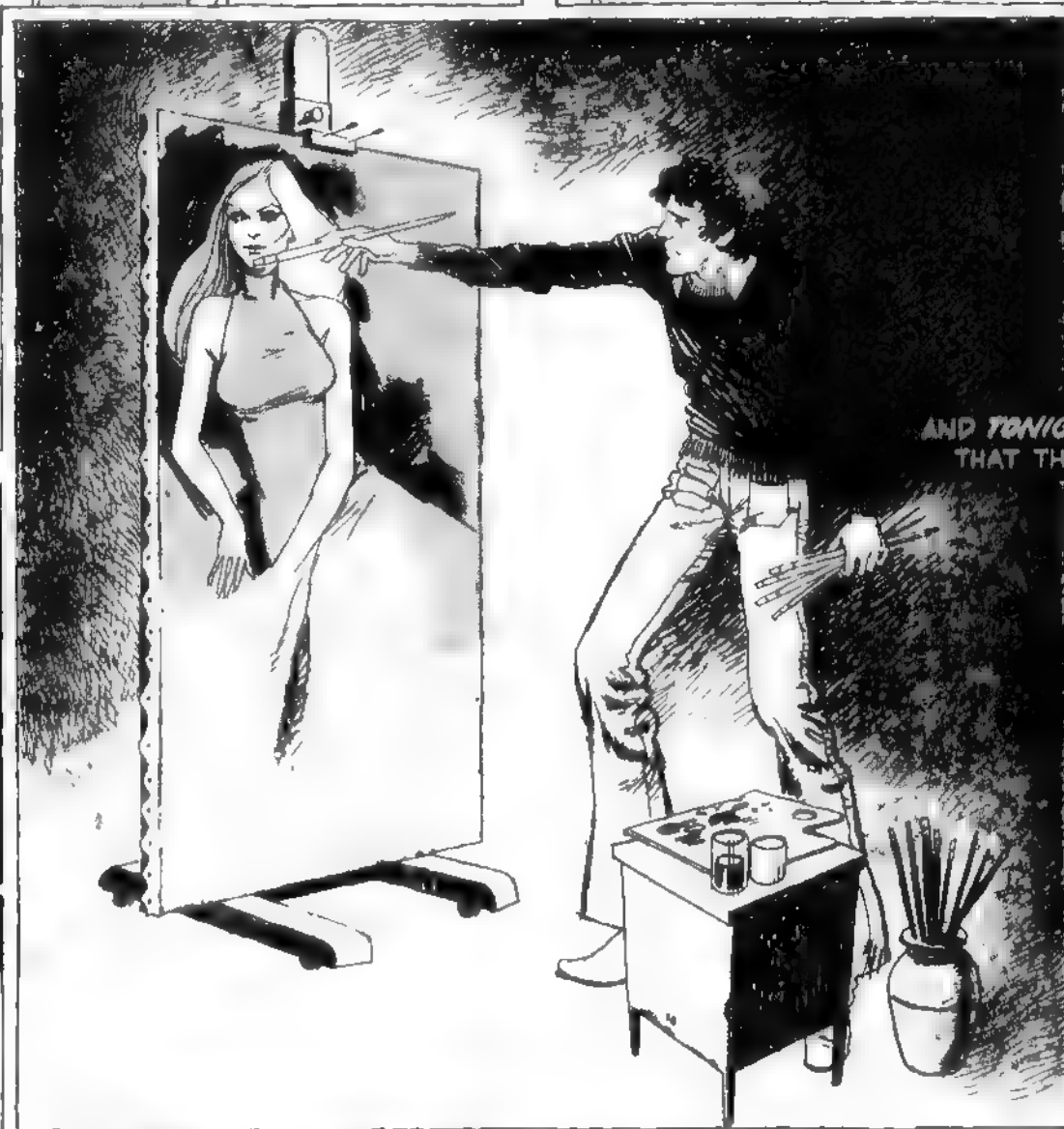
HE HAD EVERY INTENTION OF PAINTING THE GIRL OF HIS *DREAMS*!



MICHAEL SWORE HE WOULD ONE DAY CAPTURE HER WILD, UNTAMED SPIRIT ON CANVAS...

AND TONIGHT, MICHAEL SENSED THAT THE TIME HAD COME.

HE FINGERS MOVED DEFTLY, MORE CONFIDENTLY THAN EVER BEFORE, AND THE HOURS FELL AWAY, FORGOTTEN AND UNCLAIMED. MICHAEL KNEW HE WAS *CREATING* SOMETHING *SPECIAL*...



...CREATING SOMETHING *VERY* SPECIAL INDEED!

...SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A *MOVE-*MENT BEHIND HIM. MICHAEL WHIRLED!



W-WHO ARE YOU? H-HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTIONS!



Y-YOU'RE THE GIRL I'VE BEEN PAINTING! BUT I DON'T UNDERST--

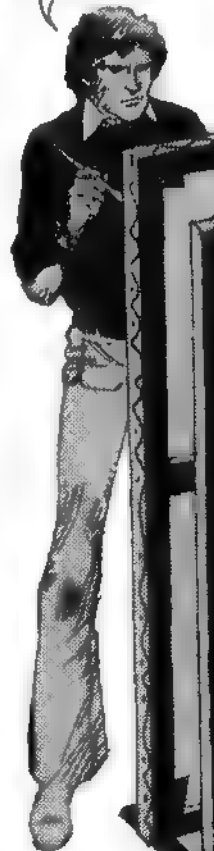
WAIT! M-MY HAND! W-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO IT?

I-I DON'T KNOW... IT LOOKS ALMOST AS THOUGH IT WERE UN-FINISHED... JUST LIKE IN MY PAINTING!

LET ME TRY SOMETHING!

THERE! THAT SHOULD COMPLETE YOU... BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU GOT A NAME?

YOU SEEM TO BE IN CONTROL HERE! I GUESS YOU'D BETTER GIVE ME ONE! I THINK I USED TO HAVE ONE, BUT I... I CAN'T REMEMBER!



AMANDA! THAT'S THE NAME I ALWAYS IMAGINED YOU WOULD HAVE...!

WELL, AMANDA... I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW YOU CAME TO BE HERE!

BUT WHO AM I TO QUESTION A GIFT FROM HEAVEN?

NOT CONTENT WITH PILFERING THE SUMMER WARMTH, WINTER BLANKETED THE CITY IN SNOW. MICHAEL AT FIRST TOOK SOLACE IN THE COMFORTING ARMS OF AMANDA, BUT AS THE WEEKS IDLED BY, AND HUNGER OF ANOTHER SORT GNAWED AT HIS STOMACH, EVEN SHE WAS NOT ENOUGH.

MONEY... THE ONE THING THAT HAS PLAGUED ME ALL MY LIFE! WHY COULDN'T I HAVE BEEN BORN INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY?



COULDN'T YOU SELL ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR PAINTINGS?

I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR ANOTHER CANVAS! AND I DON'T DARE PAINT OVER YOUR PICTURE... YOU'D PROBABLY DISAPPEAR!

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS...!



"I COULD GO TO WORK FOR YOU, MICHAEL!"



AMANDA RETURNED HOME AROUND FOUR A.M., TIRED AND HAGGARD, BUT NOTABLY **RICHER**. MICHAEL FOUND HER MORE BEAUFIFUL AT THAT MOMENT THAN EVER BEFORE.

THIS IS **INCREDIBLE!** TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS IN **ONE NIGHT!** YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA THAT COULD MAKE US **BOTH MILLIONAIRES!**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



THAT PAWNBROKER SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL PAINTING WAS PART OF A **SERIES!** IF I COULD BUY UP THE **OTHER** CANVASES AND PAINT OVER THEM, I COULD CREATE **MORE** WOMEN AS BEAUFIFUL AS **YOU!**

IMAGINE IT... PERHAPS **TEN** WOMEN AT **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A NIGHT!**

MICHAEL, THAT'S **HORRIBLE...**



YOU MUSN'T LET YOUR PETTY **JEALOUSY** STAND IN THE WAY OF **WEALTH**, DEAR AMANDA.

WHAT I DO FOR YOU OUT OF **LOVE**, IS NOT THE SAME, MICHAEL! YOU CAN'T **MAKE** THESE GIRLS GO TO WORK FOR YOU!

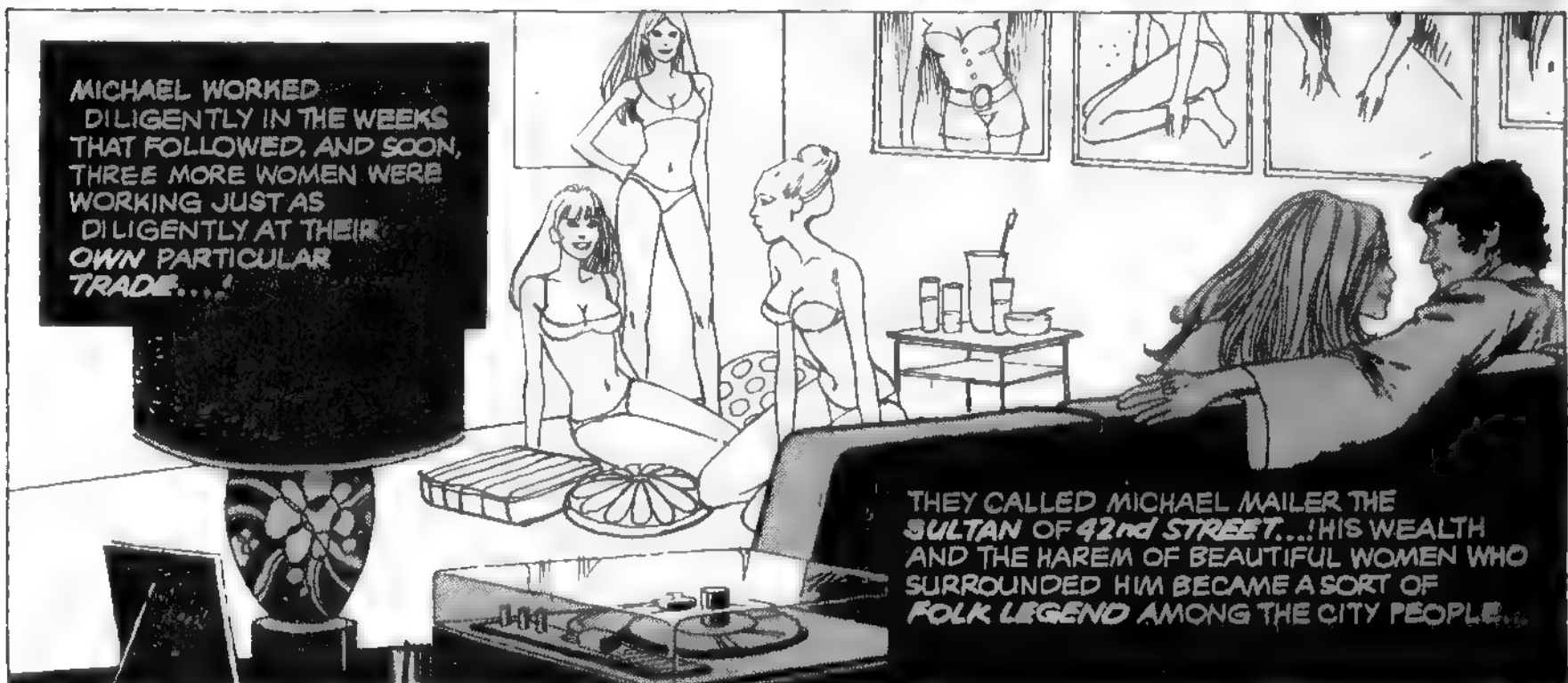
BUT I **CAN!** IF THEY REFUSE, I'LL SIMPLY PAINT OVER THEM!



MR. NECRO'S CURIO SHOP LOOKED **DIFFERENT** THAT FROSTY, JANUARY MORNING. ITS MUSTY RELICS SEEM LESS **DEPRESSING** WHEN A MAN IS NOT ENTERING TO QUIBBLE OVER THE PRICE OF HIS **DIGNITY**.

I WANT TO BUY THE ENTIRE **GASTON COLLECTION!**

I'M NOT **SURPRISED**, MR. MAILER. YOU HAVE FOUND THAT MR. GASTON WAS A FAR GREATER **GENIUS** THAN THE WORLD EVER **REALIZED**, NO?



MICHAEL WORKED DILIGENTLY IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, AND SOON, THREE MORE WOMEN WERE WORKING JUST AS DILIGENTLY AT THEIR **OWN PARTICULAR TRADE...**

THEY CALLED MICHAEL MAILER THE **SULTAN OF 42ND STREET...** HIS WEALTH AND THE HAREM OF BEAUFIFUL WOMEN WHO SURROUNDED HIM BECAME A SORT OF **FOLK LEGEND** AMONG THE CITY PEOPLE.

BUT EVEN AS MICHAEL MAILER WAS LIVING HIS NEW FOUND LIFE OF WOMEN AND RICHES, ELIZABETH LORD, A LONELY YOUNG ART GRADUATE WAS *CURSING*. AFTER FOUR YEARS IN ART SCHOOL, SHE COULDN'T EVEN GET A *JOB*!



HER CAMEO BROOCH HAD BEEN HER ONE SOURCE OF PRIDE ALL THESE YEARS. AND NOW SHE REALIZED, EVEN *THAT* WOULD HAVE TO BE *HOCKED*!

IT WAS SAID TOO THAT MICHAEL'S WEALTH WAS MATCHED ONLY BY HIS CRUELTY AND *DEMANDS*....!



A *BODY* LIKE THAT ... AND YOU ONLY BRING ME BACK *TWENTY DOLLARS*? IF I FIND YOU'RE HOLDING OUT ON ME, I'LL PAINT YOU BACK TO *OBLIVION*!

MICHAEL, STOP!

SWAK!



IT WAS ONE OF A SERIES PAINTED BY *HENRY GASTON*!

... AND YOU SAY ITS ONLY *TWO DOLLARS*?

THAT'S RIGHT, MISS! HOW CAN YOU GO WRONG?

THE *PAINTING* IS GROTESQUE... BUT THE *CANVAS*--



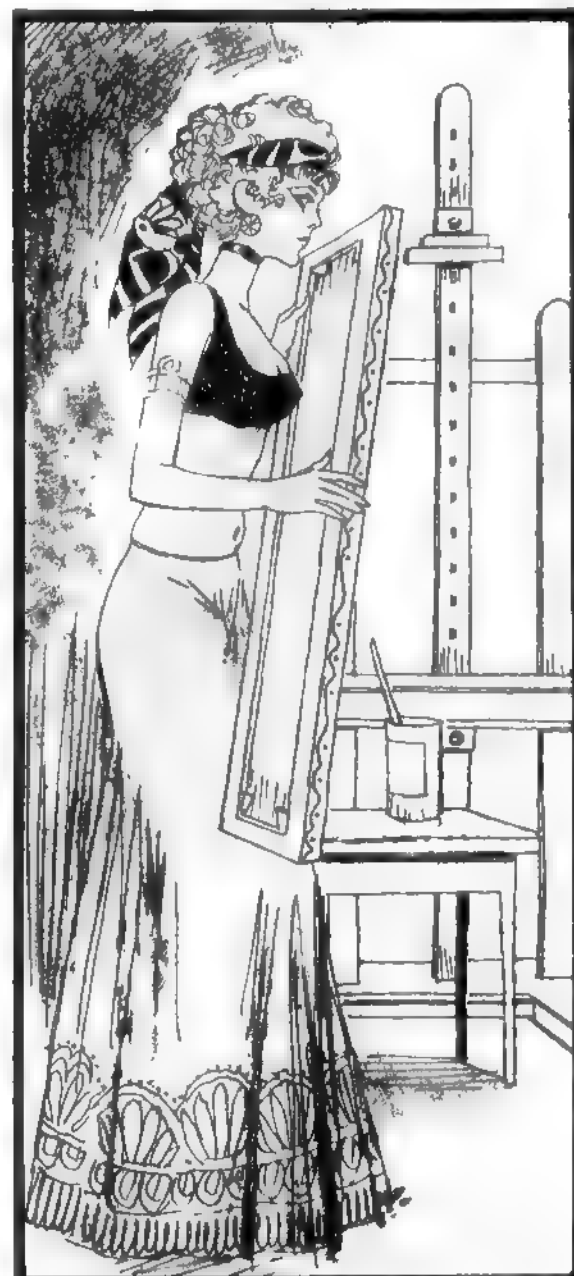
DON'T TELL *ME* TO STOP! I *CREATED* YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS! YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A PRODUCT OF MY *IMAGINATION* AND MY *GENIUS*! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMMAND *ME*!

I DON'T CARE! I DON'T CARE IF YOU *BLOT* ME OUT... EVEN *LIMBO* IS BETTER THAN *HELL*!

I WOULDN'T BLOT YOU OUT...



...I WOULD SIMPLY REMOVE A *LIMB* OR *TWO*... JUST TO MAKE YOUR LIFE A LITTLE LESS *COMFORTABLE*!



ELIZABETH LORD WAS A LONELY GIRL, AND LONELINESS IS LIKE FERTILIZED SOIL TO THE SEEDS OF **FANTASY**. AN **IMAGE** FORMED IN HER MIND...



...AND SHE PAINTED A MAN'S **EAR!**

FOR A MOMENT, MICHAEL FELT LIKE **VINCENT VAN GOGH!**

MICHAEL... **LOOK!** YOUR **EAR!** WHAT IS **HAPPENING** TO YOU?



NEXT CAME THE **FACE** OF A MAN SHE NEVER MET, BUT OFTEN **PICTURED** IN THE DEEP RE-
CESSES OF HER **IMAGINATION**.



THIS WAS THE MAN **DREAMT** OF... THE MAN SHE WANTED TO PAINT.



...AND FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, MICHAEL FELT **EMPTY** HEADED!

AND THEN, JUST AS ELIZABETH LORD FINISHED THE **FACIAL FEATURES**, A **HEAD** APPEARED IN HER ROOM...



H-HELP ME... PLEASE!

...THE HEAD OF **MICHAEL MAILER!**

BACK ON 42nd STREET, THE HAREM **FLED** IN TERROR. AND WHAT REMAINED OF THEIR SULTAN, A HEADLESS HUSK, WAS LEFT ALONE TO SILENTLY RULE OVER ITS ONE-ROOM **KINGDOM**.



ELIZABETH LORD, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS NO LONGER **LONELY**. NOW SHE HAD SOMEONE TO **TALK** TO WHO WASN'T AFTER HER **BODY** CONSTANTLY. SHE SET HIM ON THE **MANTLEPIECE**, AND **ADMIR**ED HIM SEVERAL TIMES A DAY.

STAR TREK TRADING POST



MR. SPOCK™
#25010/\$51.95



KLINGON WARRIOR™
#25011/\$51.95



VULCAN MASTER™
#25012/\$36.95

LIFELIKE MASKS!

It's only logical to order the deluxe MR. SPOCK mask of durable latex (sorry, no Vulcanized rubber) with wool hair and eyebrows! And no star fleet commander will invade your space when you wear the KLINGON WARRIOR mask, gruesomely detailed with yak hair and bone-studded scalp! But there's no hair to hide the pointy ears of the VULCAN MASTER...a face so convincing that friends will shun you for fear of the Vulcan death grip! Each professional-quality latex mask is realistically colored and fully detailed!

VULCAN SHUTTLE



KLINGON BATTLE CRUISER

HOBBY KITS!

VULCAN SHUTTLE: Over 10" long, this quality AMT model kit features a shuttle module that detaches from the warp-drive sled, prismatic effect rainbow decals (peel off and press down—no water needed), rub-down transfers, and display stand! Its authentic detail is guaranteed to make any Vulcan homesick! Easy to assemble, even for humans! #24250/\$6.25

KLINGON BATTLE CRUISER: Measuring a huge 15" long, this super-detailed AMT hobby kit features prismatic effect rainbow decals you can peel off and press down (no water needed), rub-down transfers, and display stand! The perfect opponent for your completed Vulcan Shuttle! Order a fleet of each and stage your own Star Trek episodes! #24251/\$6.25

MR. SPOCK: A large-scale figure (over 6" tall assembled), poised for action! This fine quality hobby kit from AMT features a detailed extra-terrestrial terrain base, crawling with alien vegetation! Mr. Spock is dead (or so they tell us)...but you can honor the memory of the noblest Vulcan of them all by building his kit! It sure beats filling your ears to a point! #24249/\$4.50



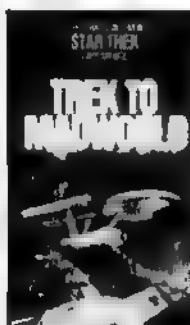
MR. SPOCK



STAR TREK LOG 4: Adaptations of 3 shows: "Terratin Incident," "Time Trap," "Tribbles"! #21189 \$1.75



STAR TREK CATALOG: Summaries of shows, cast bios, 100's of pix, merchandise, more! #21408 \$2.50



TREK TO MADWORLD: Kirk & Spock must battle the Klingons & the Romulans! #21361 \$1.95



WRATH OF KHAN: Novel of the Star Trek II movie! The evil Khan seeks revenge on Kirk! #21445 \$2.50



STAR TREK PHOTOSTORY: Color photos & word balloons retell the story of the movie! #21413 \$2.95



MAKING OF STAR TREK: How to create for TV! Photos & advice on selling scripts! 414 pages! #21069 \$2.25



STAR TREK NOVEL: Gene Roddenberry's novelization of the fabulous Star Trek movie! #21406 \$2.50



STAR TREK 11: Includes "What are Little Girls Made Of?", "Day of the Dove," four more! #21183 \$1.25

EXCITING LP's!



Federation freaks will hail these full-length adventures as the hottest thing since Vulcan earmuffs! "A Mirror For Futility," "The Time Stealer," "Logistics of Stampede," and "To Starve a Fleaver," all on a high-quality 33 1/3 RPM disc! Warning: do not play at Romulan sock-hops! **STAR TREK LP #2391/\$2.98**



The crew of the Enterprise in a trio of exciting adventures on a long-playing 33 1/3 RPM disc! You'll be on the edge of your seat for the "Passage to Moauv," weep for "The Crier in Emptiness," and drink in "In Vino Veritas"! High-quality recordings, with no "warp factor"! **STAR TREK LP #2378/\$2.98**



An ideal way to get into Star Trek and your own star studded dreamland!

A go anywhere bag with reversible pull tabs and separating zippers! Lots of fluffy synthetic fiber-fill for warmth without weight! Drawstring and see-thru vinyl tote bag! Entire sleeping bag covered with colorful action scenes from the Star Trek series! Don't sleep on it...order now!



RECORD AND BOOK SETS: Each features a superbly illustrated 20-page comic book and a 45 RPM record! Specify either #2376: "Passage to Moauv" or #2377: "The Crier in Emptiness." A bargain! **MOAUV #2376/\$1.49** **CRIER #2377/\$1.49**



SLEEPING BAG!

\$23.95
#26057



No Klingon girl scouts will try to sell you cookies when you display this magnificent 22 x 34" poster on your door! One side features the Enterprise in full color; the other side is a 3-D lithograph! 3-D glasses are included! **POSTER#29038/\$5.00**

FRANK FRAZETTA ART BOOKS

Collect a complete set of the master artist's barbarians and voluptuous women!

FRAZETTA



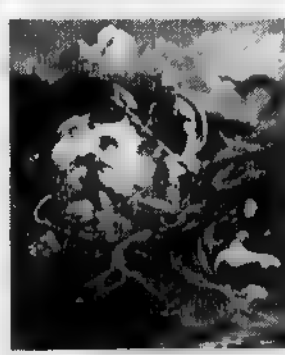
FRAZETTA I: Fabulous Frank's first collection of paintings and prints, 31 in full color and many more in black and white! Some of his finest! #21201-\$9.95

FRAZETTA



FRAZETTA II: Second volume features 12 black and white studies and 32 magnificent color plates! Large 9 x 11" softcover format! #21251-\$9.95

FRAZETTA



FRAZETTA III: Third incredible collection! 31 color paintings and innumerable black & white prints. 9 x 11" softcover format; on sturdy stock! #21290-\$9.95



FRAZETTA IV: Includes many previously unpublished paintings and sketch book studies; plus exciting new versions of early works! #21415-\$9.95



OFFICIAL BLADE RUNNER SOUVENIR MAGAZINE!

The studio-authorized "inside look" at the sensational film everyone's talking about! Many exclusive color photos give you the whole exciting BLADE RUNNER picture story, so you can relive your favorite moments from the movie! Special effects secrets, model miniatures, vehicles, costumes, production paintings, blueprints, storyboards! Plus 14 insightful interviews with Harrison Ford, his co-stars, and production personnel! It's all here in this big, beautiful document--the only publication of its kind! #21443/\$2.95

SPIRIT COMICS!

COLLECTOR'S ITEM ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH WARREN PUBLISHING COMPANY!

Exciting tales of the world's greatest crime fighter! Crime Convention features Max Scarr, the Octopus, Pantha, Grumby! Spirit meets P'gell contains five great P'gell tales!

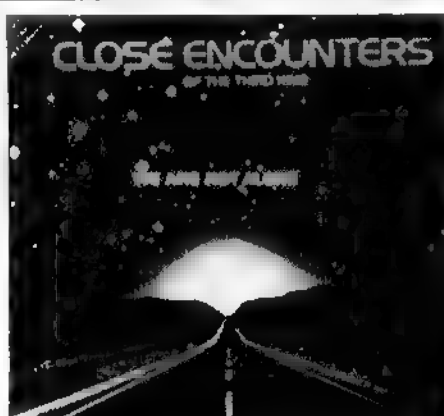


Crime Convention 32 pages--7 x 10" #21181/\$2.00

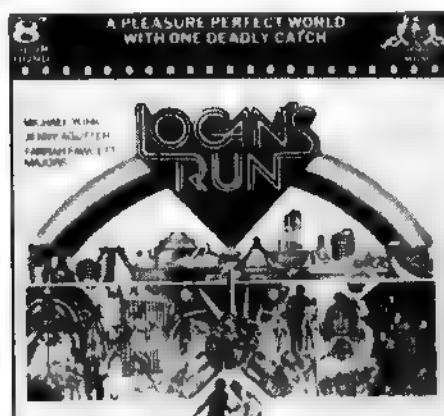


Spirit Meets P'gell 32 pages--7 x 10" #21182/\$2.00

THREE SUPER 8 MOVIES WITH SOUND IN FULL COLOR!



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: We are not alone...but you are, if you haven't thrilled to Spielberg's sci-fi classic! All the action and adventure, plus fantastic music, from the film about the epochal visit of aliens to earth! An 18-minute, 400 foot super 8 film! #22125--\$59.95



LOGAN'S RUN: You'd run, too, if it were your 30th birthday...in a society where being 30 is punishable by death! Thrilling science fiction as Farrah Fawcett and Michael York flee this 23rd century nightmare! An 18-minute, 370 foot super 8 film! #22126--\$54.95



WIZARD OF OZ: You're off to see the Wizard with America's favorite all-time fantasy film! All the great production numbers and songs are here, as Dorothy and friends battle the Wicked Witch of the West! An 18 minute, 370 foot super 8 film! #22127--\$59.95

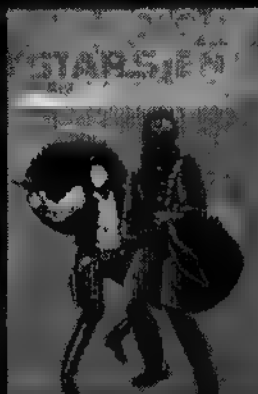
EMPIRE & STAR WARS PAPERBACK NOVELS!



STAR WARS: Original novel of the movie! 16 pp. of color pix! #21262/\$2.50



SPLINTER OF MIND'S EYE: Luke caught on jungle planet! #21297/\$1.95



HAN SOLO AT STAR'S END: Han's epic battle on Orron III! #21396/\$2.25



HAN SOLO'S REVENGE: Han is framed & sentenced to die! #21410/\$2.25



EMPIRE STRIKES BACK: Exciting novelization of the movie! #21412/\$2.25



EMPIRE STRIKES BACK: Illustrated full color book of the film! #21411/\$2.50



YOU ARE COLD, MODRIUS!

THE FURNACES ARE ROARING, ADRIANNE. I AM NOT COLD. YOU IMAGINE THINGS.

HERE'S A STORY TO WARM THE COCKLES OF YOUR HEART... ONE THAT OPENS THE DOORS TO THE...

DUNGEONS of the SOUL

THE FIRES OF A THOUSAND FURNACES COULD NOT WARM YOU NOW, I FEAR. IT IS YOUR SOUL THAT IS COLD. WHERE IS THE MODRIUS I KNEW AS A CHILD? WHERE IS THE GOOD AND GENTLE FRIEND I EXPECTED TO FIND WHEN I RETURNED AFTER SO MANY YEARS?

YOU ARE ARE MY GUEST, ADRIANNE, AND I AM KING. YOU TRY MY PATIENCE.

IT IS STRANGE TO HEAR YOU SPEAK THAT WAY TO ME! IF YOU WERE OLD AND WRETCHED, IT WOULD BE ANOTHER MATTER! BUT YOU ARE YET YOUNG — YOUR WORDS SHOULD BE FULL OF LOVE AND HOPE. YOUR EYES SHOULD SPARKLE, YOUR SOUL SHOULD BURN WITH BRAVE AND NOBLE IDEALISM. WHERE *IS* YOUR SOUL, MODRIUS? HAS IT BEEN RIPPED UNTIMELY FROM YOUR BREAST? HAVE GREED AND LUST FOR POWER DEVoured THE VALUES YOU ONCE SO DEEPLY CHERISHED?

ENOUGH! I AM FAR TOO BUSY TO BE BOTHERED BY YOUR SILLY PHILOSOPHIZING! GO!



I WILL GO, MODRIUS! I HAVE NO DESIRE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO SPEAK AGAIN WITH THE MODRIUS I ONCE KNEW!

NO! I WILL NOT HEED HER! I HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN SET FREE FROM THE AGONIES THAT SENSITIVITY AND GENTLENESS BRING! SHOULD I WEAR MY HEART ON MY SLEEVE, AS A TARGET? SHOULD I OFFER MY SOUL IN A DRINKING CUP TO ALL THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE IT? THOSE DAYS AND TIMES ARE FAR BEHIND ME, AND CAN NEVER BE RECLAIMED! HOW VULNERABLE WE ARE IN OUR DAYS OF HONESTY, WHEN WE SEEK TO SHOW THE LOVE IN OUR UNSTAINED SOULS TO A WORLD THAT WANTS NO PART OF SUCH THINGS! AND HOW SECURE WE ARE WHEN WE AT LAST SURRENDER, TO CONCEAL OURSELVES WITHIN OUR WALLS OF BONE AND FLESH!



BUT ENOUGH OF SUCH THINGS! LUPUS! LUPUS!



YES MASTER!

TEND TO THE PRISONER, LUPUS! TAKE TO HIM FOOD AND WATER!

SO... A PRISONER IN THE CASTLE OF KING MODRIUS! IN DAYS OF OLD, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO!



BRING THE TRAY AND THE KEYS TO THE DUNGEON TO ME, LUPUS! I SHALL FEED THE PRISONER TONIGHT!



YES, M'LADY!

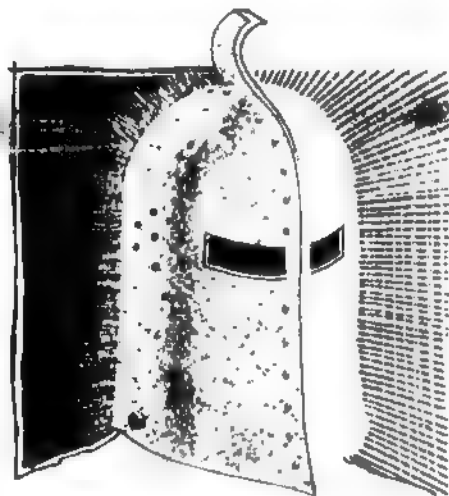
HOW INHUMAN TO KEEP A LIVING
MAN ENTOMBED IN SUCH A PLACE!
SOON I SHALL SEE WHAT MANNER
OF PRISONER MODRIUS DEEMS
DESERVING OF SUCH TREATMENT!



PRISONER!
I HAVE BROUGHT
YOUR DINNER!



AAIIIIIEEEEEEE!



ADRIANNE!
SO YOU
HAVE COME
FOR ME
AT LAST



WHILE IN
ANOTHER
PART OF
THE
CASTLE...

ARRGGHHH!

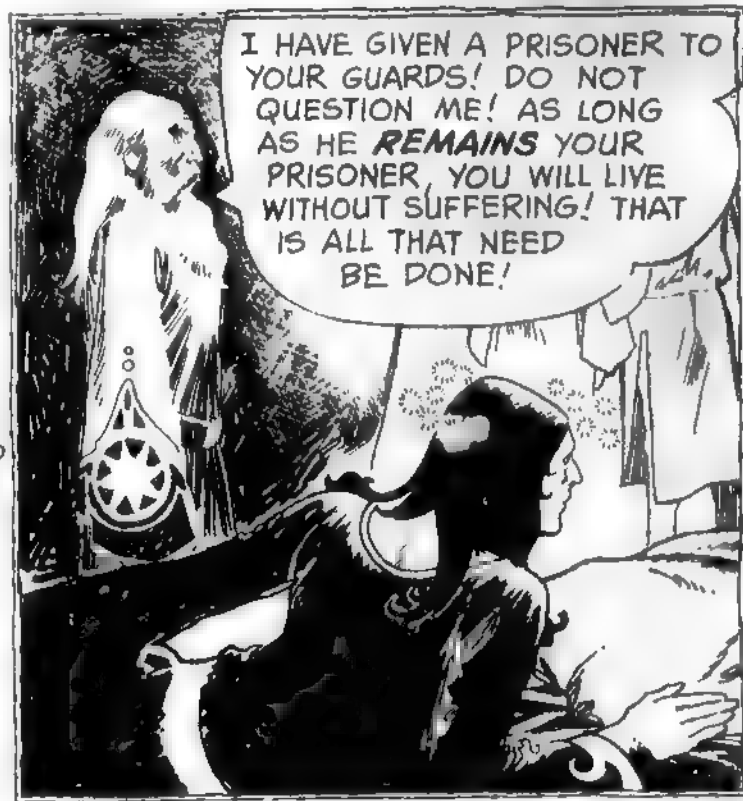
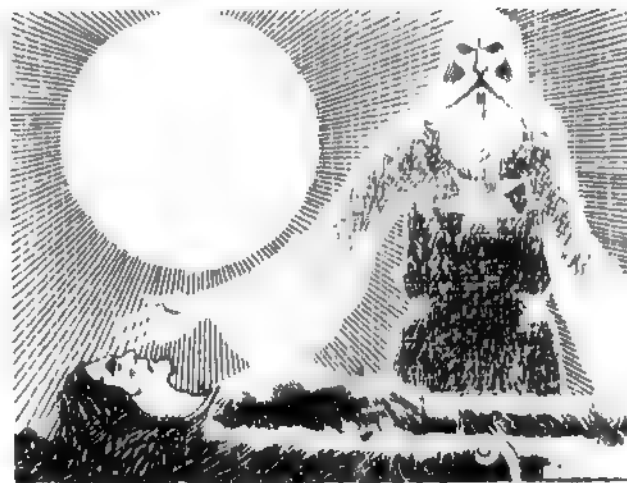




"IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER MY FATHER DIED, AND I BECAME KING, THAT A SORCERER CAME TO THIS CASTLE! HE WAS CALLED **OLGOR**. IN RETURN FOR MY HOSPITALITY, HE OFFERED TO GRANT ME ONE WISH THROUGH HIS SORCERY...

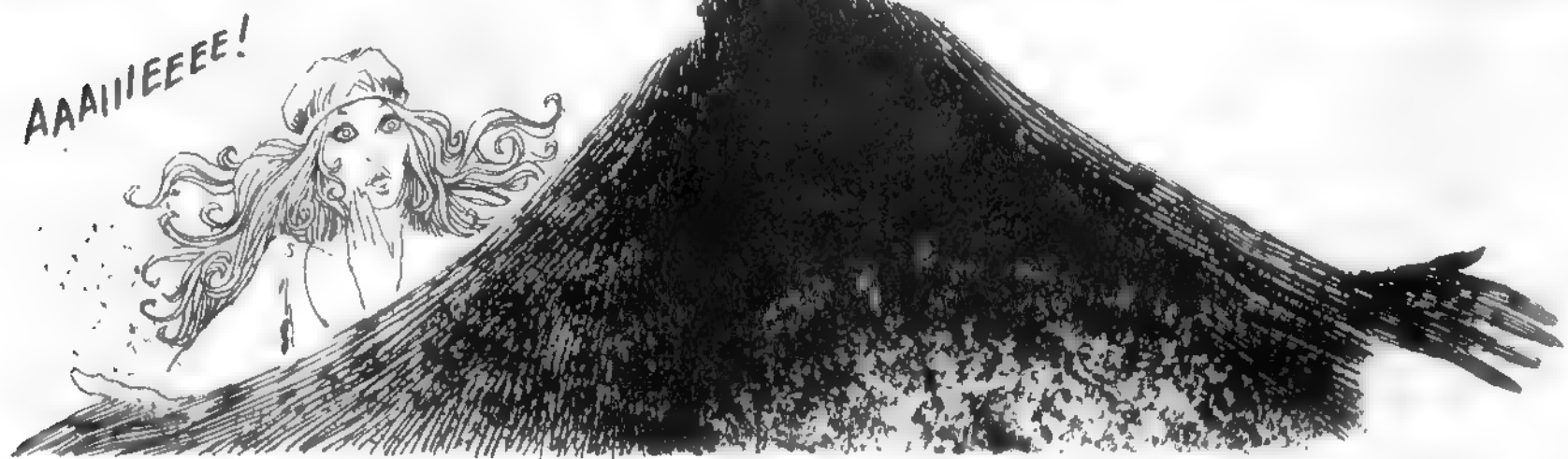


SO I ALLOWED HIM TO WORK SORCERY ON ME...





SUDDENLY..



MEANWHILE, MODRIUS HAS MADE A STARTLING DISCOVERY.



CRASSIUS! THE CAPTAIN OF MY GUARDS! DID THE PRISONER DEFEAT YOU THUS?!

GASP! YOUR MAJESTY! HE DID **NOT** DEFEAT ME! HE DID NOT EVEN STRIKE ME! I SAW HIM GOING TOWARD YOUR THRONE ROOM! I TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT I **COULD NOT**! HIS MAGIC OVERWHELMED ME! I-I-



THE THRONE ROOM! CRASSIUS, YOU FOOL! ADRIANNE IS IN THERE!



MODRIUS! NO! DO NOT HARM HIM!

WHAT A STRANGE FORCE MOTIVATES ME! I YEARN TO DEFEAT THE PRISONER, TRUE, BUT DO I ONLY **PRETEND** THAT I FEAR FOR ADRIANNE? OR DO I FEAR ONLY FOR MY **OWN** SAFETY?

PRISONER! WE ARE FACE TO FACE AT LAST!



HE IS **NOT** EVIL!

SO! YOU HAVE BETRAYED ME FOR A DEMON, ADRIANNE!

NO, MODRIUS! YOU HAVE BETRAYED YOURSELF
AS DOES EVERY MAN! YOU CALL ME A DEMON,
BUT DO YOU NOT KNOW -- IT IS THE GOODNESS
IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE LOOK AWAY
FROM VIEW!



HOW MANY TIMES MUST OUR TRUST BE
BETRAYED, BEFORE WE LEARN NOT TO TRUST?
HOW MANY TIMES MUST OUR LOVE BE REJECTED
BEFORE WE LEARN NOT TO LOVE? HOW MANY
TIMES MUST OUR SENSITIVITY AND OUR
GENTLENESS BE RIDICULED AND SPURNED,
BEFORE WE LEARN TO LOCK THESE THINGS
INSIDE OURSELVES? SO WHEN THE DAYS OF
OUR YOUTH ARE PAST, OUR IDEALISM
PASSES ALSO, AND WE BECOME HOLLOW
SHELLS OF WHAT WE WERE!

IT IS EASIER THAT WAY,
IS IT NOT, MODRIUS? IT
ALLOWS US TO *LIVE*
WITHOUT SUFFERING, EH?



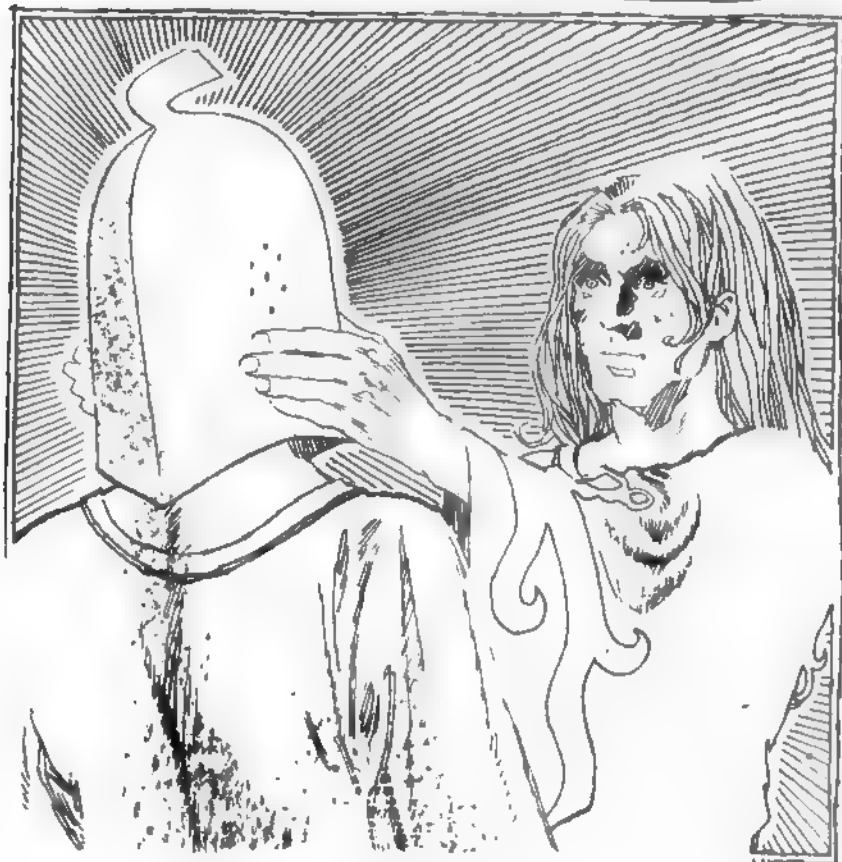
WHO *ARE*
YOU?!



DO YOU KNOW
NOT KNOW?



NO, BUT
I *SHALL* KNOW!





YES, MODRIUS! I AM YOU! I AM THE LOVE THAT WAS TORN FROM YOUR HEART BY THE SORCERY OF OLGOR! ONLY ONE SHINING HOPE KEPT ME ALIVE THROUGHOUT THESE MANY LONG MONTHS--THAT ADRIANNE WOULD RETURN AND FREE ME! I KNEW THAT ONLY SHE COULD FREE THE LOVE YOU HAD SOUGHT TO IMPRISON!

OH MY GOD!

THEN, IN THE SOUL OF MODRIUS, A SENTENCE BEGINS TO FORM...

I...I...I...

MODRIUS! LET ME HELP YOU!



I LOVE!



I LOVE YOU, ADRIANNE!

THEN, THE PRISONER WAS NO MORE, AND THERE WERE ONLY TWO: A MAN FULL OF LOVE AND SADNESS, AND A WOMAN COMFORTING HIM, BUT IT WAS ENOUGH.

POOR OLD MODRIUS... A PRISONER OF LOVE!



THE END

BORIS VALLEJO



1983 FANTASY CALENDAR

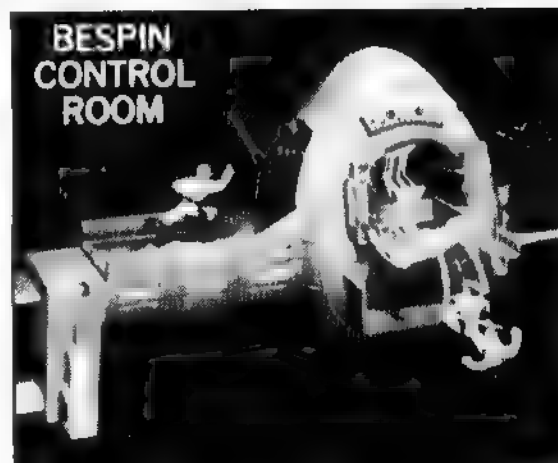
The best thing about New Year's is that it gives you a chance to hang up a new Boris Vallejo calendar! And the master illustrator of the fantastic has outdone himself with his 1983 entry, featuring more breathtaking landscapes, monstrous creatures and hulking heroes than ever! You'll treasure it next year and every year! #26356/\$5.95



BARNABAS COLLINS POSTER

Here's a wall fang...er, hanging that will really get your blood up! It's Jonathan Frid as Barnabas Collins, bloodsucking star of television's DARK SHADOWS! Measuring a full 29 x 41 1/2", this black and white poster will enhance the walls of any crypt or mausoleum! Hang it in the morgue, and you'll really be top drawer! (Suggestion: Barnabas feels much more comfortable hanging upside down!) So start coffin up your dough, and order as soon as possible...please! These things are scaring us to death! BARNABAS POSTER #2919—\$2.50

STAR WARS MICRO COLLECTION



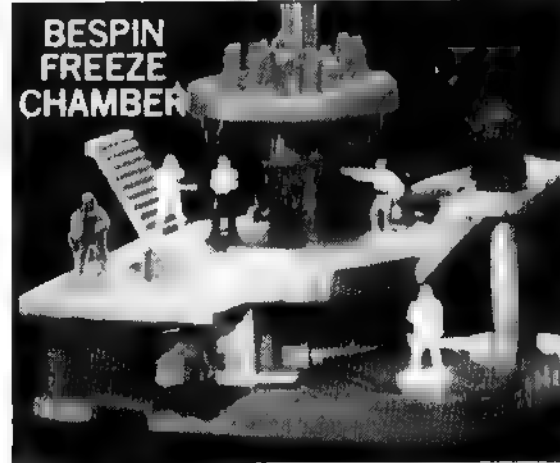
BESPIN CONTROL ROOM

Features "break away" window with remote lever and special platform, and four die cast metal Luke and Darth Vader figures in action poses! #26345—\$11.90



BESPIN GANTRY

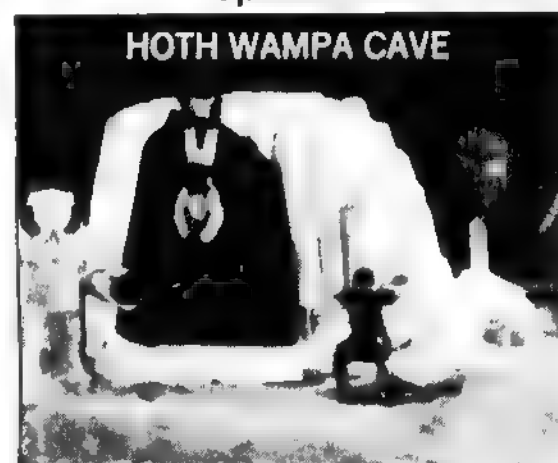
Site of Luke's famed lightsaber duel with Vader! Remote operated gantry door leads to rotating platform! Four die cast metal figures! #26346—\$11.90



BESPIN FREEZE CHAMBER

Platform lowers Han into chamber, lifting claw takes out frozen figure! Movable ramp, stairs, elevator, escape hatch! 8 die cast metal figures! #26347—\$29.90

Special offer! All three interlocking Hoth World playsets for only \$55.95!



HOTH WAMPA CAVE

Recreates Luke's capture by the snow monster, plus Han and Chewbacca destroying the probot! Action launcher, 4 die cast metal figures! #26349—\$11.90



HOTH GENERATOR ATTACK

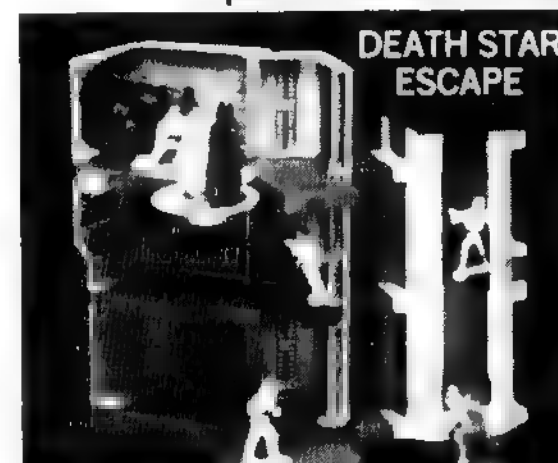
Features exploding generator, and Scout Walker that stands unassisted and explodes by remote control! With 6 die cast metal figures! #26350—\$19.90



HOTH ION CANNON

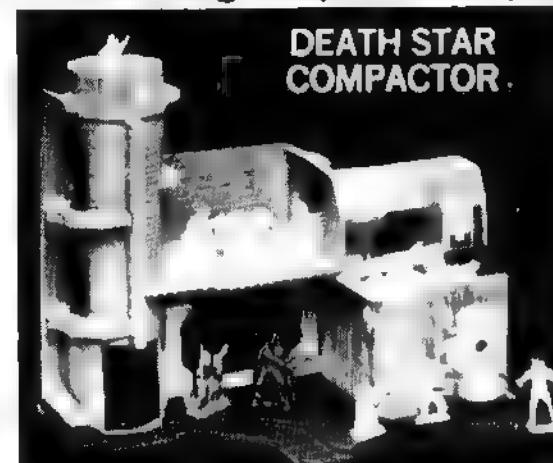
Operated by remote lever, & clicks to simulate firing! Observation tower with blast doors, remote control computer! 8 die cast metal figures! #26351—\$29.90

Special offer! All three interlocking Bespin World playsets for only \$49.95!



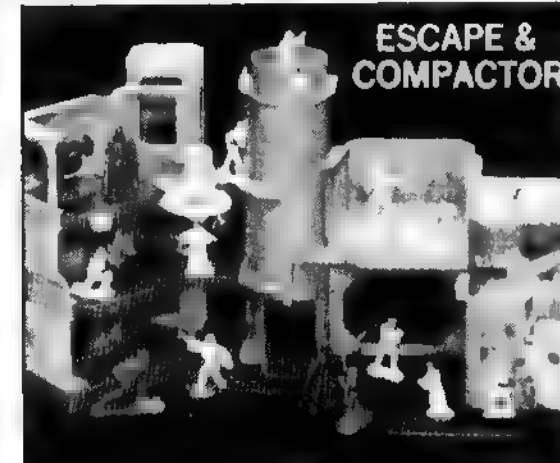
DEATH STAR ESCAPE

Features exploding cannon that clicks and holds a stormtrooper, manually operated bridge, removable elevator assembly, and rope for swinging Luke & Leia across! 6 die cast metal figures! #26353—\$19.90



DEATH STAR COMPACTOR

Hand-operated trash compactor with escape hatch that opens at last second! Remote operated blast door that springs shut, blast hatch to let 8 die cast metal figures jump into compactor! #26354—\$25.90

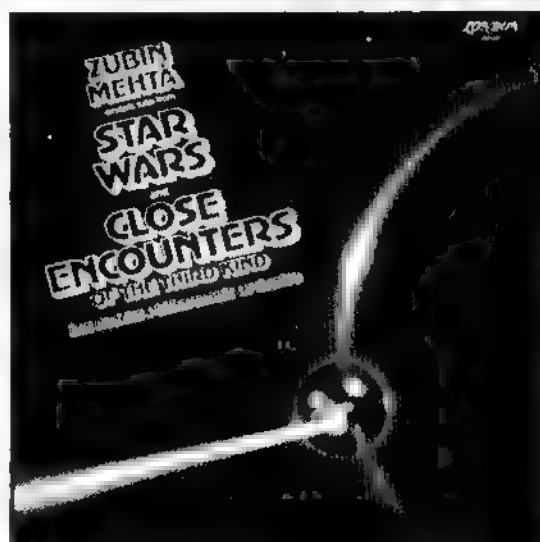


ESCAPE & COMPACTOR

Both interlocking Death Star World playsets—the Escape and the Compactor—available at one bargain price! Can be used together or separately! Including all 14 die cast metal figures! #26355—\$39.95

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

COLLECTABLES OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND



STAR WARS & CLOSE ENCOUNTER RECORD

The Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, conducted by Zubin Mehta, plays John William's scores for STAR WARS including the title Theme, Leia's Theme, The Little People, Cantina Band, Battle & The Throne Room. Also the suite from CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND. Spell binding music! Order today! #2394/\$7.98



We Are Not Alone

UFOs—WHAT ARE THEY?
UFOs—A GLOBAL PHENOMENON
UFOs—ALL SHAPES & SIZES
UFOs—PEAK MONTHS, PEAK HOURS
UFOs—SEEN BY 15 MILLION AMERICANS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND FACT SHEET

SHEET Giant-sized 23"x 33" fact sheet poster, featuring salient information on sightings, evidence and contact with UFOs. When are UFOs most frequently spotted? Where? What are they? What do they look like? These questions are answered on this full-color poster. Order! #29005/\$2.50

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND



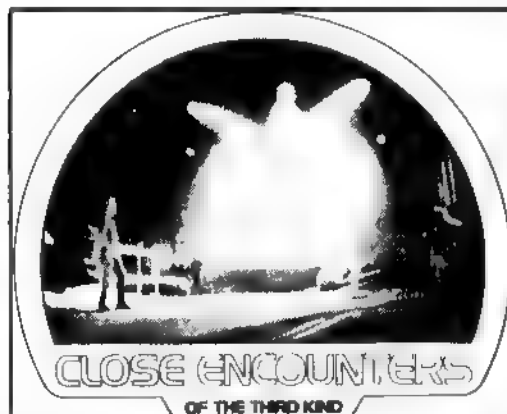
MOTHER SHIP IRON-ON

Full-color, brilliantly lit scene of the exit of the fabulous extra-terrestrial Mother Ship. Barry in the foreground watches as the spacecraft lifts from earth-bound gravity and heads for the stars. Iron-on vibrant with reds, blues, and golds. #26054/\$1.25



ROAD SCENE IRON-ON

Full-color iron-on of the special scene that has come to mean CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND to millions. A brilliant, deep-blue, starlit sky; a road going off into infinity; and a glowing white light that promises a galaxy of excitement and wonder. Plus the CLOSE ENCOUNTERS logo. #26067/\$1.25



LANDING CRAFT IRON-ON

Jillian, Barry and Roy Neary first encounter the zooming, brilliantly-lit, spectacular UFO landing craft as they soar overhead in an unbelievable display of visuals and sound, in this full-color, fabulous iron-on. #26053/\$1.25

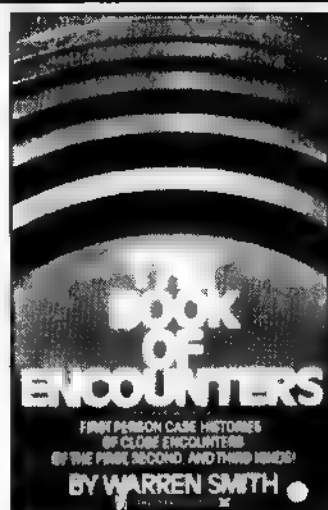


DEVILS TOWER IRON-ON

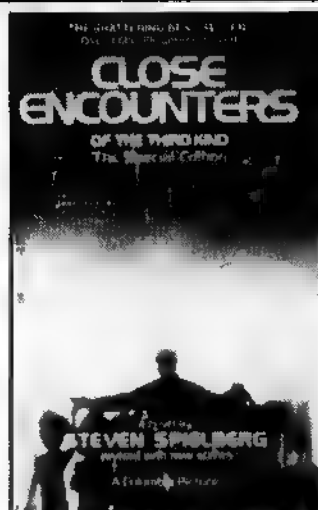
The place where it all happened, Devil's Tower, Wyoming, shimmers in the light of the alien Mother-ship that looms behind it, in the full-color iron-on with CLOSE ENCOUNTERS logo. #26055/\$1.25

EXCITING PAPERBACK ENCOUNTERS!

FULL-HEAD MASK KIT!



BOOK OF ENCOUNTERS: Case histories of close encounters of the first, second and third kinds. Including interviews, CIA reports, Iron Curtain research, etc.! #21298—\$1.95



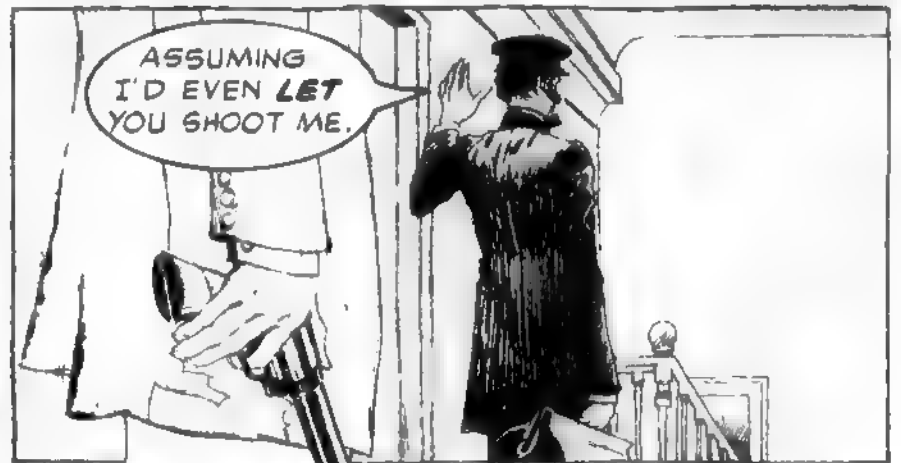
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: THE SPECIAL EDITION: Newest edition of Steven Spielberg's novel takes you inside the UFO and beyond, in vivid detail! With all new scenes! #21414—\$2.50



THE UFO EXPERIENCE: J. Allen Hynek, consultant to "Close Encounters," investigates UFO sightings, evidence, and contact, including many photos. A full 309 pages. #21296—\$2.25



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MASK KIT: Easily assembled from pre-formed parts, this full-head mask is an authentic reproduction of the extraterrestrial being from "Close Encounters"! Made of life-like Flex-O-Skin! Perfect for all your encounters! #26066—\$5.59



HORRORS COME FROM VARIOUS
LOCATIONS. SOME WELL KNOWN,
OTHERS **NOT** SO WELL KNOWN.
COME BACK WITH US TO THE YEAR
1926, ONE OF THE **LATTER**.
ONE THAT CAME...

OUT OF THE NAMELESS CITY





STILL PLANNING TO LEAVE, DEAR?

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH IT **BEFORE**, VAUGHN. THAT **THEATER** BACK EAST OFFERED ME THE **PART** OF A **LIFE-TIME**. I'D BE A **FOOL** TO TURN IT **DOWN**!



I'M **BOUND** TO MAKE IT **BIG** AS AN **ACTRESS**! I CAN HELP YOU UP THE LADDER... AND THEN...OUR **MARRIAGE**.

IT'S TOO **LATE** FOR THAT, MYRTLE... TOO **LATE** FOR **ANYTHING**!



TONIGHT I **KILLED** SOMEONE...AND **TRIED** TO KILL A **SECOND** PERSON. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF **TIME** BEFORE THE POLICE **ARREST** ME.

A **GUN**? VAUGHN... WHAT'S **HAPPENED**?

JUST **LISTEN** TO ME, MYRTLE! YOU'VE GOT **TIME** BEFORE THE TRAIN LEAVES. SIX MONTHS FROM NOW I WON'T BE FIT FOR A **BIT** PART...MUCH LESS THE PART OF YOUR **HUSBAND**.

"IT ALL STARTED IN THE THIRD ACT OF THAT SILLY **MELODRAMA** WE WERE DOING SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. IT WAS THE SCENE WITH **DENNIS**. YOU REMEMBER **DENNIS WHATELY**?"

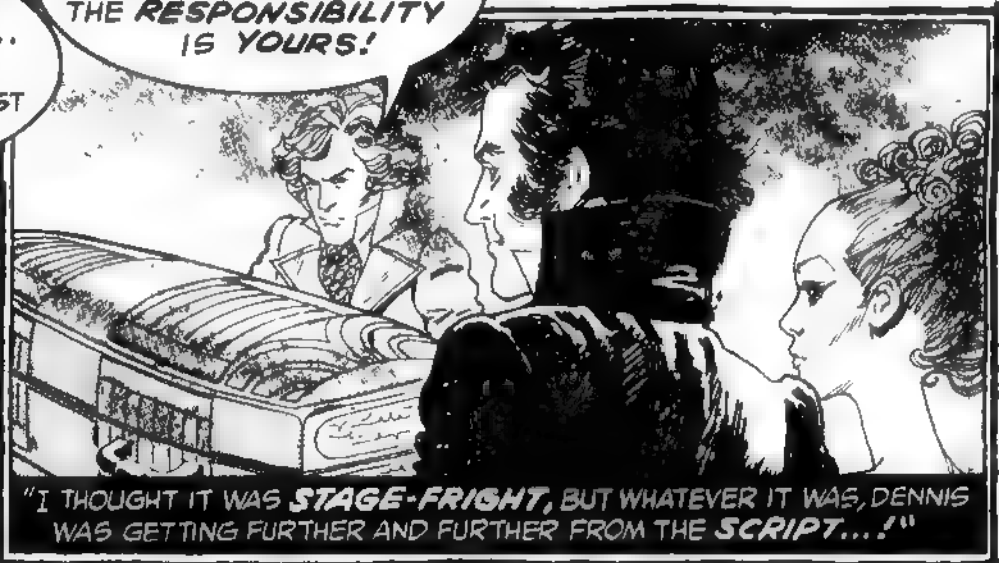
IT IS UP TO **YOU**, BEAUREGARD. YOUR TRANSLATION OF THE SYMBOLS ON THIS ANCIENT **SARCOPHAGUS** CAN SAVE OUR COMMUNITY FROM THE RAMPAGING **MUMMY**!



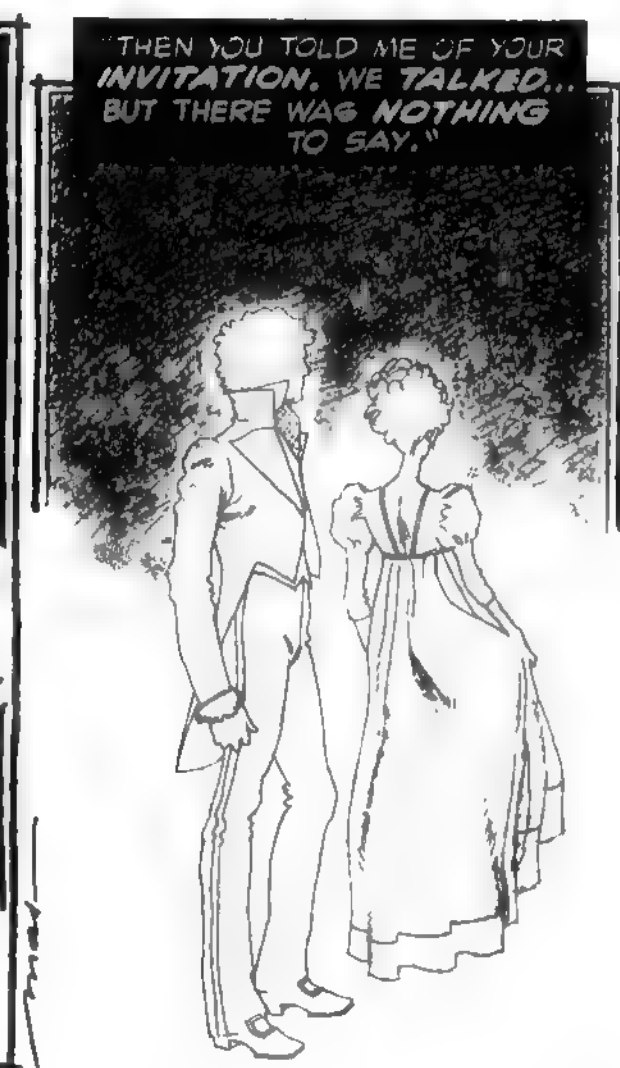
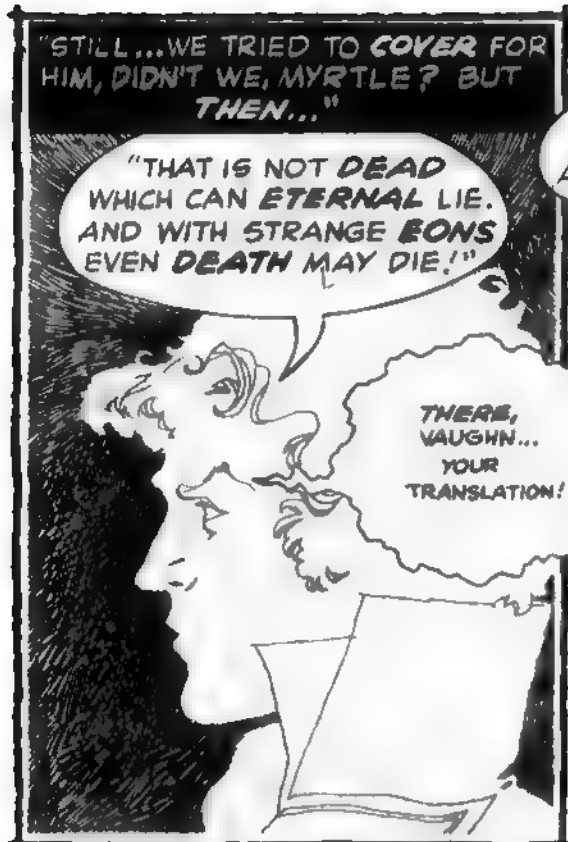
BUCK UP, DENNIS. YOU'RE SHAKING LIKE A **LEAF**. IT'S ONLY A **PLAY**.

AND DON'T FORGET MY POOR **BROTHER**... DESTINED TO BECOME A **WEREWOLF** AT THE FIRST **FULL MOON**.

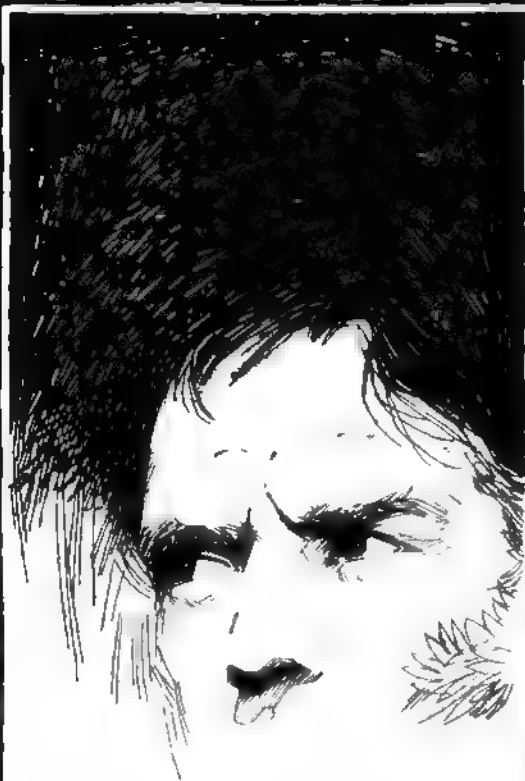
YOU WANT A **TRANSLATION**...I'LL **GIVE** IT TO YOU. BUT THE **RESPONSIBILITY** IS **YOURS**!



"I THOUGHT IT WAS **STAGE-FRIGHT**, BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, DENNIS WAS GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM THE **SCRIPT**...!"



I SAT AND THOUGHT FOR MANY HOURS. A **DARK** THEATER STIMULATES IMAGINATION..."



"...YOU BEGIN TO HEAR ALL **SORTS** OF THINGS."

SUDDENLY, **DENNIS** CAME IN!



THE **NERVE** YOU HAVE...COMING **BACK** HERE AFTER RUINING OUR PERFORMANCE! I OUGHT TO **POUND** YOU **SILLY!**

VAUGHN!



I **KNOW** HOW YOU FEEL. GIVE ME A MINUTE TO **EXPLAIN**.

YOUR PART WAS **EASY**... JUST A SIMPLE **TRANSLATION**...



...AND THAT'S WHAT YOU **GOT**...A **TRANSLATION**...OF WHAT THESE SYMBOLS **REALLY** MEAN. YOU **MUST** TELL ME WHERE YOU **GOT** THEM.

THEY'RE TOO **COMPLEX** FOR YOU TO HAVE JUST **MADE UP**.

YOU **INTRIGUE** ME. LET ME GET MY **COAT**.



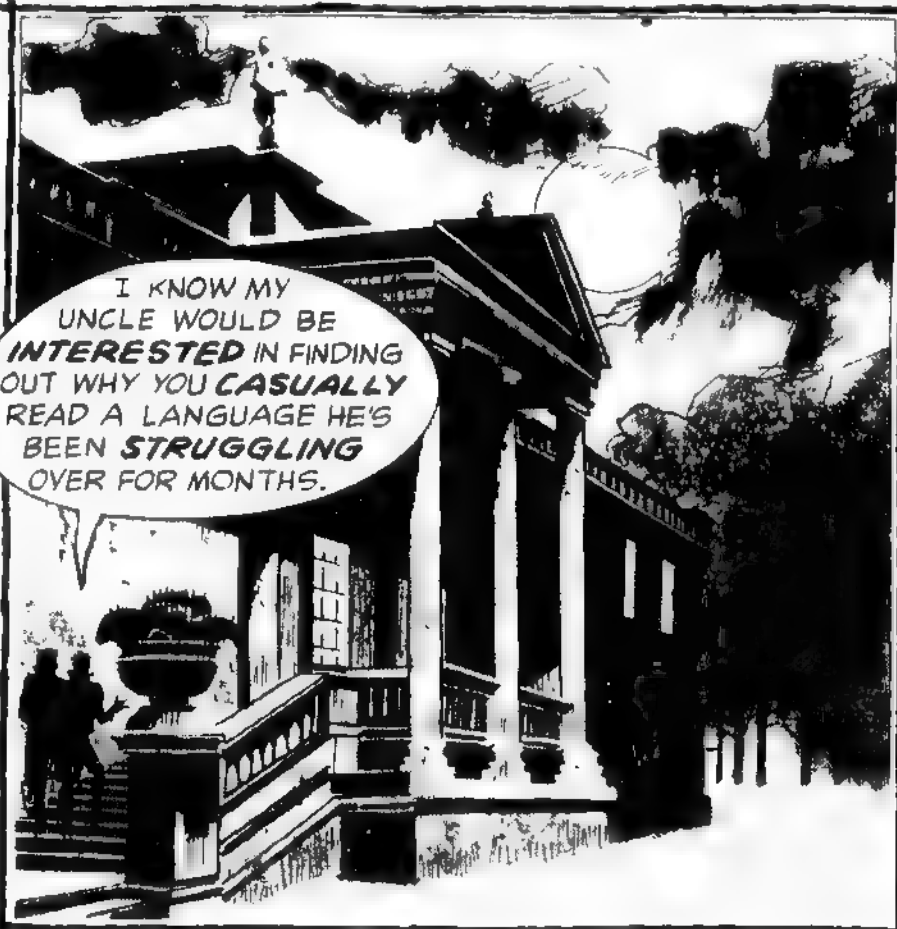
MY UNCLE **ANDREW** IS AN **ARCHEOLOGIST**. HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM **ARABIA** WITH A BOATLOAD OF **ARTIFACTS**.

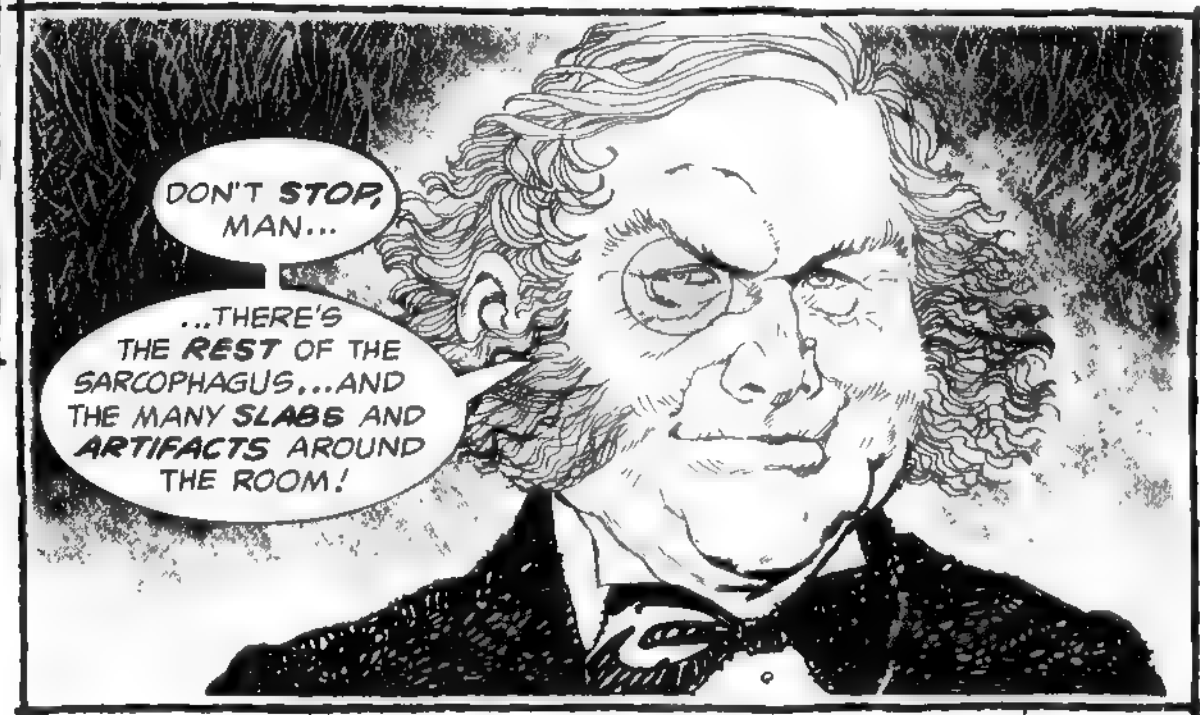
ARABIA... IT BEGINS TO **JELL**.

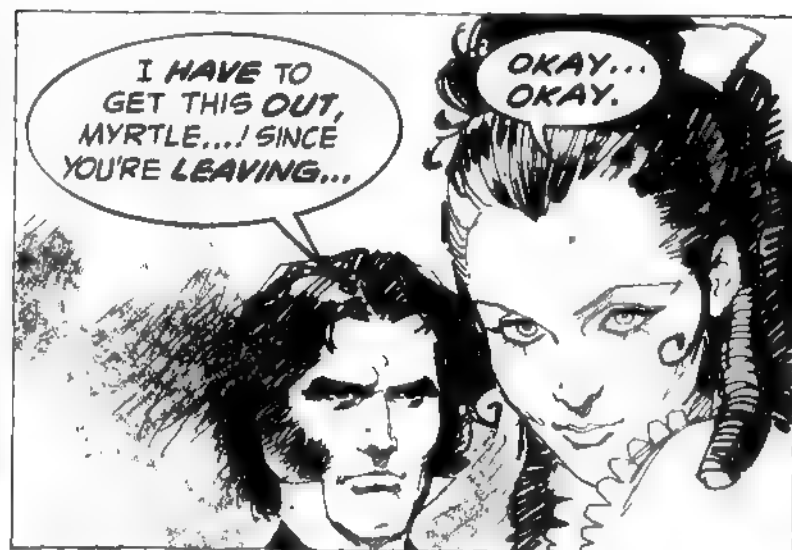
I TOOK THE SYMBOLS FROM ONE OF THE **URNS** HE FOUND!



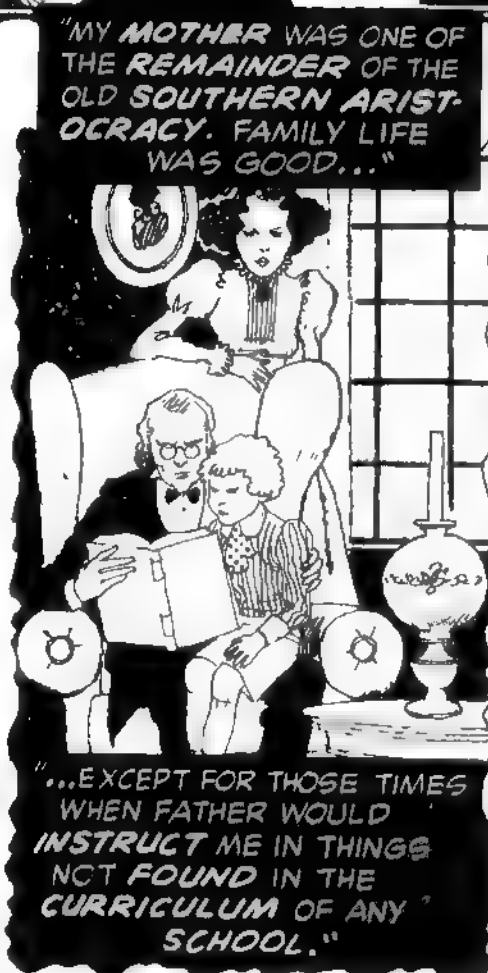
I KNOW MY UNCLE WOULD BE **INTERESTED** IN FINDING OUT WHY YOU **CASUALLY** READ A LANGUAGE HE'S BEEN **STRUGGLING** OVER FOR MONTHS.







"AFTER THE RAPID **TRANSLATION** OF THE STRANGE **SCRIPT** CAME **ARRANGING** THE WORDS INTO SOME **MEANINGFUL ORDER...**"



"THEY WERE BOTH
EVENLY **MATCHED**
WHEN IT CAME TO
SCREAMING. SO,
FOR **AWHILE**
ANYWAY, I
DIDN'T SEE
ANY MORE OF
THE **STRANGE**
BOOKS."



"THEN, ALMOST ON
CUE, FATHER RECEIVED
ASSISTANCE IN
THE PERSON OF
CAPTAIN ABNER
WHATELY, A
DISTANT RELATIVE.
HIS **PERSONALITY**
WAS SUCH THAT EVEN
MY **FORCEFUL**
MOTHER HAD TO
BACK DOWN..."



"WITH MOTHER
WILTING UNDER
THE **FORCE** OF
HIS FREQUENT
VISITS, MY
EDUCATION
RESUMED. **UNCLE**
ABNER, AS I WAS
TOLD TO CALL
HIM, TOOK OVER
MY TRAINING
PERSONALLY."



"HE SEEMED
ESPECIALLY
DELIGHTED WHEN
I WOULD BLURT
OUT **INSTINCTIVE**
INFORMATION
WHICH I HAD
NOT BEEN
TAUGHT."



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

WHAT WERE
YOU BEING
TRAINED
FOR?

I HAVEN'T
THE FAINTEST
IDEA...MY
EDUCATION WAS
NEVER
COMPLETED!

ONE DAY
I WAS
SIMPLY TOLD
THAT **UNCLE**
ABNER WAS
LOST AT
SEA!

"WITH THIS **NEWS**, MOTHER BECAME A **RESURGENT**
FORCE IN THE HOUSEHOLD. HER **FINAL CLASH** WITH
FATHER WAS THE **WORST!**"



"THEY FOUGHT...AND SOMEHOW, A **FIRE** WAS STARTED!
THE HOUSE WENT UP IN **FLAMES!**"

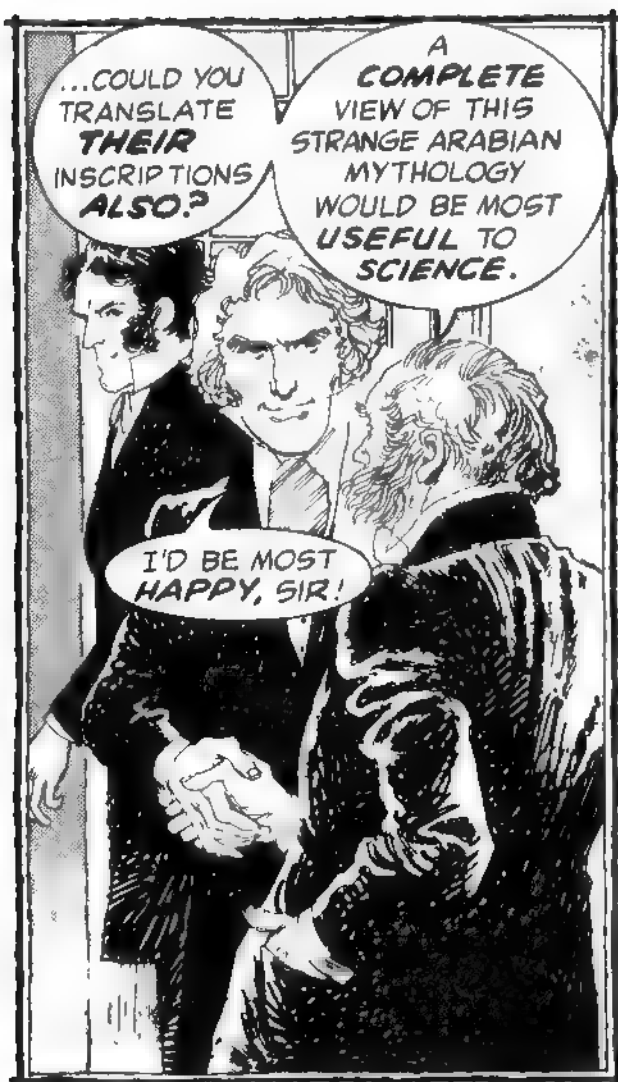


"I WAS THE ONLY
ONE TO **ESCAPE!**"

I WAS SENT TO
RELATIVES IN THE MID-
WEST. THE FIRE ERASED
EVERYTHING FROM MY
MIND. THE MEMORIES WERE
BROUGHT **BACK** THIS EVENING
WHEN I READ THOSE
SYMBOLS ON THE **PROP**
COFFIN!

FASCINATING!
I HAVE **OTHER**
COLLEAGUES WHO
ACCOMPANIED
ME ON THIS
EXPEDITION...

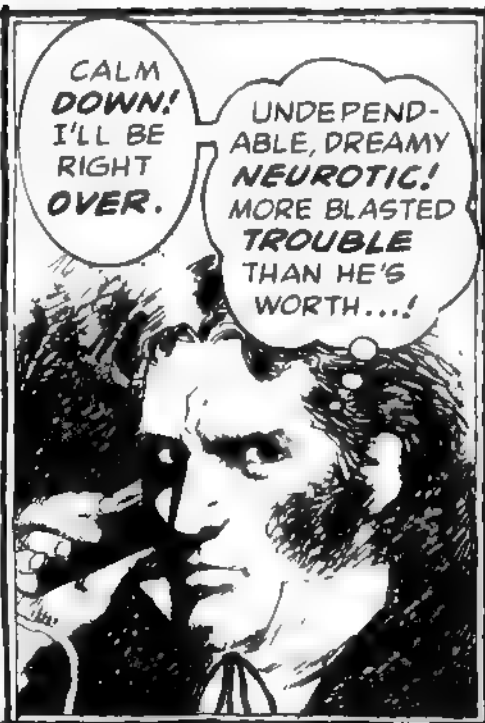






VAUGHN...
I FOUND **OUT!**
I **KNOW** NOW
WHAT I WAS
BEING TRAINED
FOR! IT **SCARED**
ME...AND I
RAN...

I'VE GOT A
GUN HERE. BUT
I **HAVEN'T** THE
GUTS TO USE IT.
I WANT YOU TO
COME TO THIS
ADDRESS. **HELP**
ME!



CALM
DOWN!
I'LL BE
RIGHT
OVER.

UNDEPEND-
ABLE, DREAMY
NEUROTIC!
MORE BLASTED
TROUBLE
THAN HE'S
WORTH...!



VAUGHN!
WE **NEED** YOU
FOR THIS **SCENE!**

I **HAVE**
TO GO! ACT
AROUND ME.

MR. BREWER...?



I AM **ABNER**
WHATELY. I UNDER-
STAND YOU ARE A CLOSE
FRIEND OF MY NEPHEW,
DENNIS. I SAW HIM A
FEW **DAYS** AGO. BUT
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
THEN AND NOW...HE
GAVE ME THE
SLIP.

ABNER **WHATELY?**
DENNIS HAS **SPOKEN** OF
YOU...SAID YOU **DIED** IN
A **SHIPWRECK.**



IT'S **OBVIOUS**
THAT I'M STILL
ALIVE. MY NEPHEW
LIKES TO **MAKE UP**
STORIES...HE'S A
STRANGE BOY.
COULD YOU HELP
ME **FIND** HIM?

I JUST GOT
A CALL FROM
HIM. HE'S **UPSET!**
AS A **RELATIVE**,
YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO **CALM** HIM.



LET ME
CAUTION YOU,
MR. **BREWER**, TO
ACCEPT **ANYTHING**
I SAY, HOWEVER...IT'S
THE ONLY WAY TO
HANDLE HIM.



DENNIS.
IT'S **ME...**
VAUGHN.

THANK **GOD**,
YOU **CAME!**
I COULDN'T
HAVE HELD
OUT **MUCH**
LONGER!



COME NOW, DENNIS. THE PEASANT SIMPLICITY OF AN IOWA FARM AND A BRITTLE COATING OF CHRISTIAN DOGMA CAN'T HAVE FOREVER ERASED YOUR EARLY TRAINING.



ONLY **HERE** WAITS THE **MACHINERY** THAT CAN BRING BACK THE **MASTERS...** THE MYSTICAL EQUIPMENT THAT ONLY **THEIR** OFFSPRING CAN OPERATE!

Y-YES... I AM HERE... I **KNOW** THIS PLACE! IT'S ALL **FAMILIAR** TO ME... I EVEN KNOW WHERE THE **MACHINERY** IS!

WE'VE WAITED **TWO THOUSAND YEARS** FOR THIS! PULL THE LEVER, BOY... FULLFILL YOUR **DESTINY!**

NO YOU DON'T DENNIS!

BAM!

YOU... **SHOT** HIM...!

HIS DELAYING A STAGE SHOW IS **ONE** THING...

...BUT **KILLING** MY UNCLE JUST TO **DESTROY** HIS NOTES IS **QUITE** ANOTHER!

WE'VE BEEN **DEFEATED!** BUT ALL IS NOT **LOST!** I'LL **LEAVE** NOW... TO **RETURN** IN THE FUTURE...

"...AND PLAY MY **WINNING** CARD," HE SAID!

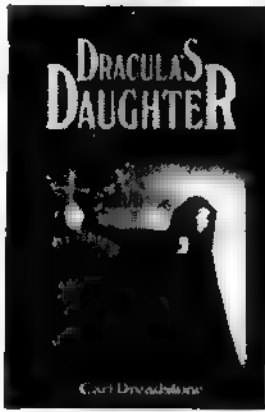
HE'S PROBABLY CALLED THE **POLICE** BY NOW!

WHY TELL ME THIS **ABSURD** STORY?



AND YET...SOMEWHERE IN THE ARABIAN DESERT...THE NAMELESS CITY STILL STANDS. FOR IT IS ETERNAL, AS ARE THOSE WHO DWELT THERE. THEY HAVE WAITED LONG. THEY CAN WAIT LONGER....!

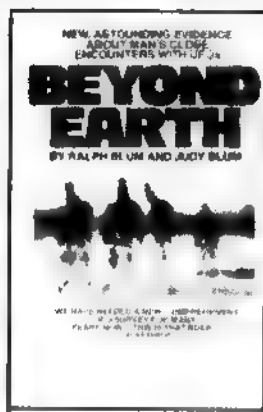
GREAT HORROR PAPERBACKS!



DRACULA'S DAUGHTER: She wanted to be human, but she was dad-dy's girl! #21268/\$1.25



FRANKENSTEIN: Mary Shelley's classic novel of spellbinding terror and suspense! #2101/\$1.50



BEYOND EARTH: Flying saucers over America! A documentary report with photos! #21293/\$1.95



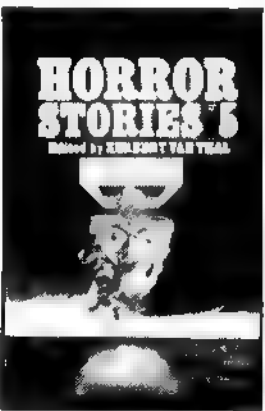
HAND OF DRACULA: An original tale of legendary evil and modern-day suspense! #21042/.95



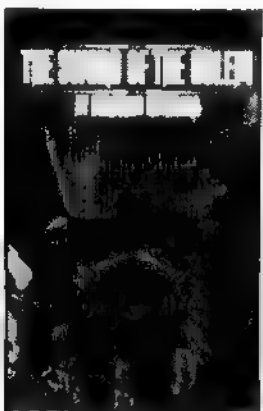
DEVIL'S GENERATION: Horror by Blackwood, Simak, Bradbury, Derleth, Bloch, etc.! #21040/.95



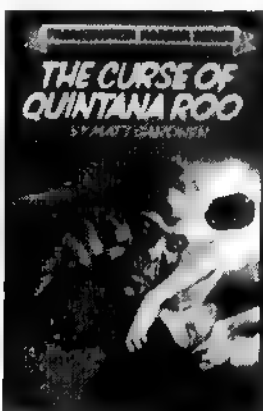
HORROR STORIES #4: Fright fare from Bradbury, Bloch, and other scare masters! #2196/.95



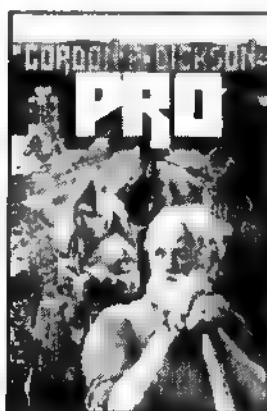
HORROR STORIES #5: Shake well while reading! E.F. Benson, eleven other authors! #2197/.50



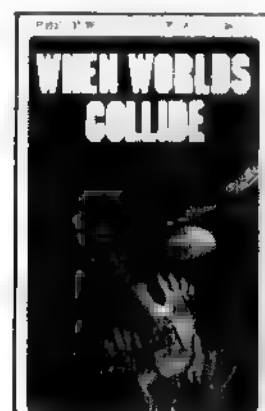
SWORD OF GOLEM: A clay monster comes to life to become the savior of the Jews! #21014/\$1.25



CURSE OF QUINTANA ROO: Explorers face the minions of the hell-creature Rahu! #21051/.75



PRO: With a few well-placed punches, he shifted the development of alien races! #21335/\$1.95



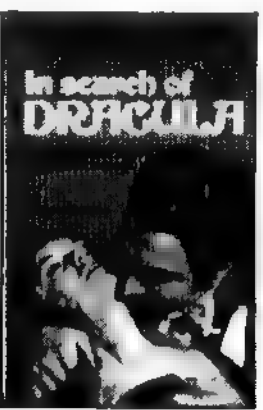
WHEN WORLD COLLIDE: ...the earth's most powerful men compete to survive! #21185/\$1.25



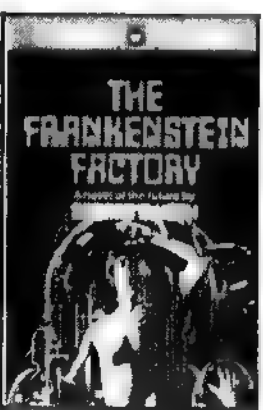
ROUND THE MOON: Acclaimed sequel to Jules Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon!" #2119/.95



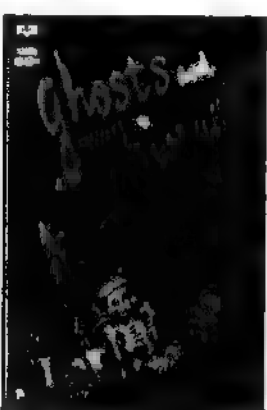
IN SEARCH OF FRANKENSTEIN: Traces the history of the monster! Did he exist? #21225/\$1.95



IN SEARCH OF DRACULA: The true origins of the bloody Count, finally revealed! #21203/\$2.25



FRANKENSTEIN FACTORY: 21st-century doctor creates life...at what price? #21191/\$1.25



GHOSTS & THINGS: Terror tales by Saki, Machen, Blackwood, Bierce, Onions, others! #2195/.90



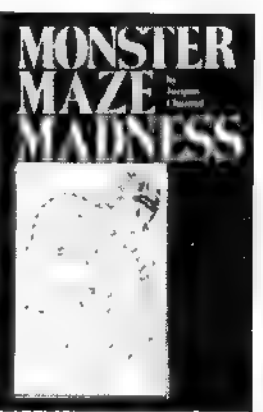
TIME MACHINE: H.G. Wells' first novel, about a man trapped in a hostile future! #2120/.95



DAYS OF THE COMET: H.G. Wells' tale of a startling change that befalls the earth! #2115/.95

MOVIE & MAZE PAPERBACKS!

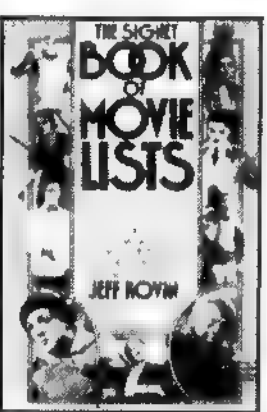
CAUTION! Some of the mazes and quizzes to be found in the books displayed here are designed for you to sit back and enjoy. Some are a bit more challenging. But some are guaranteed to tease your brain until it jumps out of your skull and begs for mercy (regardless of whose grave you stole it from!). But disastrous consequences aside, the think-tank ticklers in these books are all great fun...as is the Book of Movie Lists! Maybe that one can help you with the quizzes, hmmm? Order the whole set of five today!



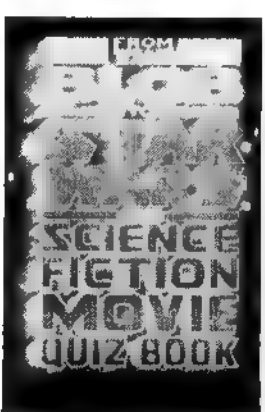
MONSTER MAZE MADNESS: 50 mazes in the shape of your favorite monsters! #21278/.95



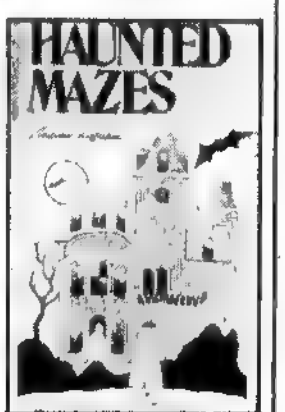
THE UFO MOVIE QUIZ BOOK: Over 1000 questions on The Thing, other UFO films. #21357/\$1.75



BOOK OF MOVIE LISTS: A list-lover's closeup view of the films, the stars, the stories! #21409/\$1.75

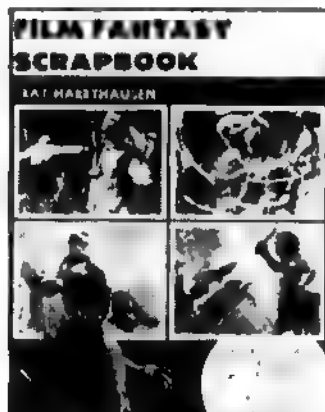


THE SCI-FI MOVIE QUIZ BOOK: From The Blob to Star Wars! 1001 trivia teasers! #21289/\$1.50

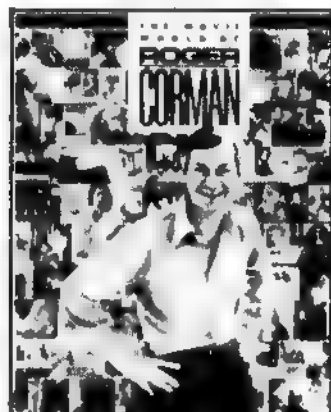


HAUNTED MAZES: Penetrate the hidden passageways in 50 menacing mazes! #21277/.95

HORROR & FANTASY FILM BOOKS



FILM FANTASY SCRAPBOOK: RAY HARRYHAUSEN: Nearly 300 original drawings & rare photos of King Kong, Jason, Sabin, many more! #21077/\$7.95



MOVIE WORLD OF ROGER CORMAN: Scenes from all his 153 films, with complete coverage! Plus 24 pages of full-color posters! #21427/\$11.95



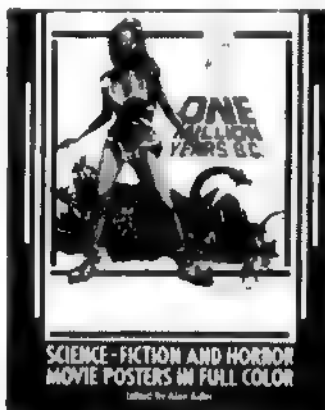
MOVIE COLLECTOR'S CATALOG: How to collect 8 & 16mm movies! Where to buy, how much to pay, more! Plus photos, articles, more! #21261/\$5.95



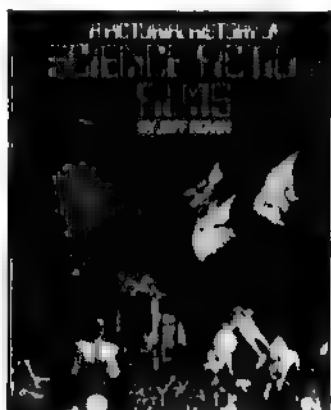
FANTASTIC TELEVISION: Covers over 190 shows, with summaries of all episodes of Superman, Twilight Zone, more! Many illustrations! #21401/\$7.95



SCREAM GEMS: The most gory stories in movie history! Including horror, science fiction, fantasy, giant bugs, chainsaws, etc.! Many photos! #21388/\$5.95



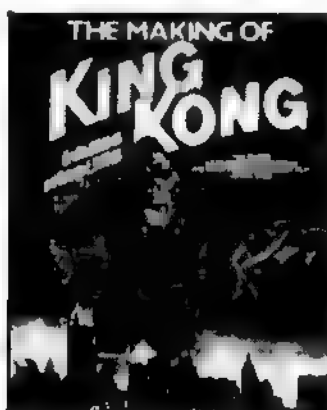
SCI-FI AND HORROR MOVIE POSTERS: 44 posters, reproduced in full color! King Kong, It, Godzilla, Mothra, more! Large 10x14" format! #21319/\$6.00



PICTORIAL HISTORY OF SCI-FI FILMS: From the silents thru the seventies through, whenever! Critical interpretations & many photos! #21229/\$6.95



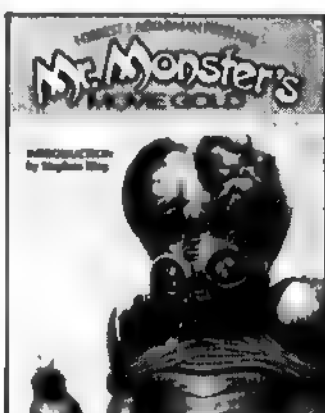
GIRL IN THE HAIRY PAW: Definitive study of the King Kong phenomenon! Reviews & analyses, essays, cartoons, many stills, more! #21211/\$5.95



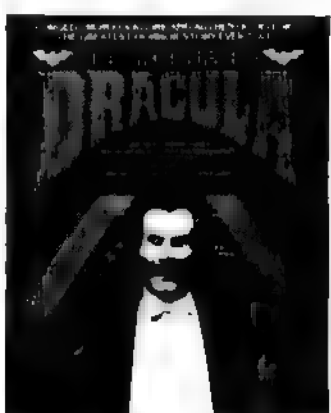
THE MAKING OF KING KONG: Complete story of one of the greatest monster movies ever! Drawings, bios, interviews, over 160 photos! #21221/\$4.95



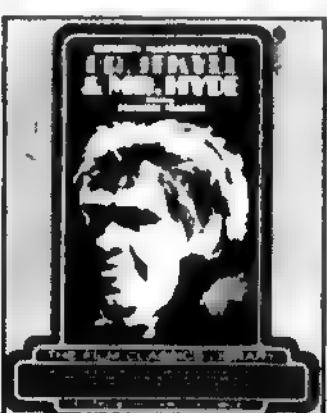
APE—KINGDOM OF KONG: Over 200 stills, poster repros & line drawings trace the history of monkeys in the movies! Planet Kong, etc.! #21184/\$4.95



MR. MONSTER'S MOVIE GOLD: Treasure-trove of imagi-movies, by Forrest Ackerman! Many rare photos of Karloff, Chaney, others. #21437/\$12.95



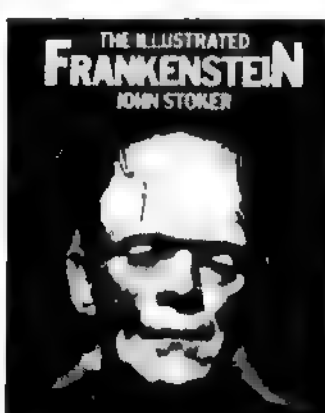
THE ANNOTATED DRACULA: An authentic reproduction of the first edition, with notes that explore all the novel's nuances & implications! #21222/\$5.95



DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE: Every word of dialogue and every scene from the movie starring Fredric March, in over 1,500 frame blow-ups! #21195/\$4.95



FRANKENSTEIN: Over 1000 frame blow-ups from the 1931 classic! Every scene...every word of dialogue! First time ever in book form! #21124/\$4.95



THE ILLUSTRATED FRANKENSTEIN: Traces the history of the famed monster through movies, TV, short stories, novels, and much more! #21420/\$6.95



TERRORS OF THE SCREEN: Unforgettable hardcover history of the supernatural on celluloid! Many photos from great horror classics! #21148/\$5.95



LUGOSI: MAN BEHIND THE CAPE: The career of one of fear film's finest! Including photos and intro by Bela Jr.! Hardcover, 300 pp.! #21215/\$9.95



CLASSICS OF HORROR FILM: Hardcover treasury covering all the most mind-numbing films ever made, with nearly 400 pix, many rare! #21159/\$14.00



THE FILMS OF BELA LUGOSI: Hardcover biography of the actor who brought Dracula to life! All 64 films documented! Many illustrations! #21423/\$16.95



FILMS OF BORIS KARLOFF: A complete hardcover record of Karloff's career, covering all his films, plus radio & TV roles! Over 400 photos! #21157/\$12.00

THE CLIMBERS OF THE TOWER



LOOK, DRUINI!
A GIRL CLIMBS
ABOVE US!

YES, TARRAN,
I SEE HER.

WAIT! I HAVE CLIMBED FOR
DAYS WITHOUT RESTING! WILL
YOU STOP AND REST WITH ME,
IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT?

FORGIVE ME, FELLOW
CLIMBER, BUT I CANNOT
REST NOW! I AM ON MY
WAY TO *THE TOP*!



IF I WERE HIGHER THAN I AM, IT WOULD
BE A DIFFERENT MATTER! YOU ARE
HANDSOME AND I TOO AM LONELY! BUT
FOR NOW, THERE IS NO TIME!



SHE IS RIGHT, DRUINI!
THERE IS NO TIME!
LET US PUSH ON!

YES, TARRAN-
THE TOP
AWAITS US, EH?!

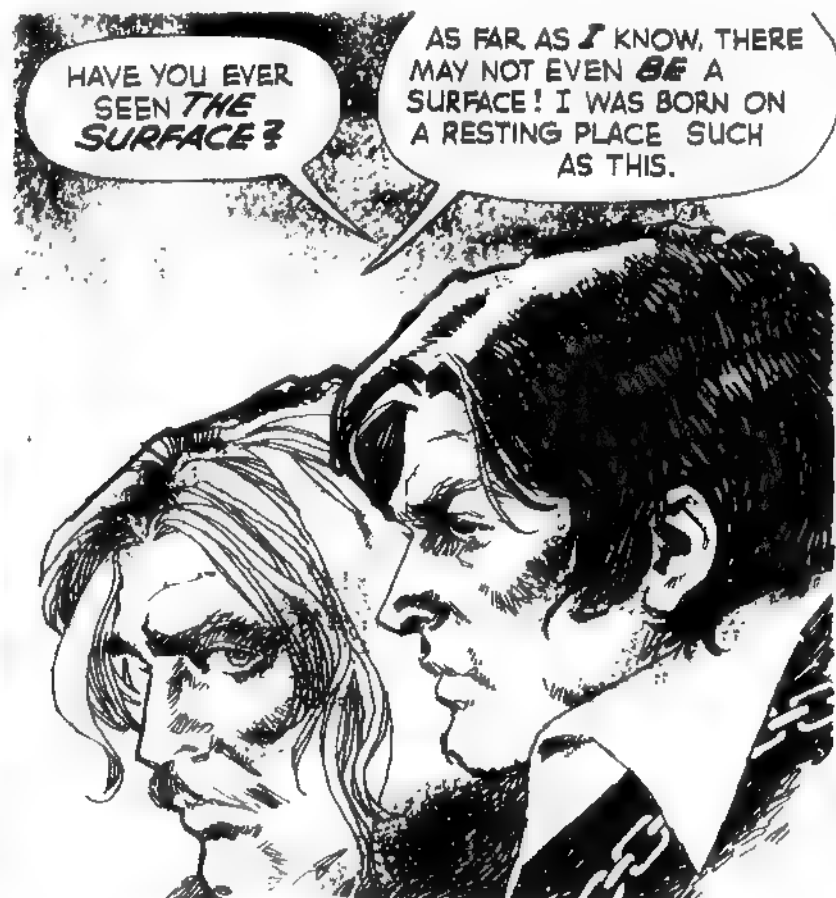






A RESTING PLACE! I'M WEARY, DRUIN! LET US CATCH AT LEAST A FEW HOURS SLEEP BEFORE WE PROCEED!

AYE! IT WOULD NOT BE UNWELCOME!



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN *THE SURFACE*?

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE MAY NOT EVEN *BE* A SURFACE! I WAS BORN ON A RESTING PLACE SUCH AS THIS.

SOME SAY THAT THE LAST MAN WHO SAW THE SURFACE DIED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO! IT MAY BE A MILLION MILES BELOW US! AND YET - WE CLIMBERS CONTINUE ON! IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE!

MANY THINGS ARE HARD TO IMAGINE! DO NOT EVEN BOTHER WITH THEM. WHEN WE REACH *THE TOP* -- THAT WILL BE SOON ENOUGH FOR IMAGININGS!



THEN, WHEN THEIR BRIEF SLEEP IS DONE...

WAKE UP, DRUIN! WE MUST BE ON OUR WAY!

CAN SOMEONE TRULY HAVE REACHED *THE TOP*? IT WAS SAID THAT *NO MAN* EVER HAD! WHY, IT MUST BE ONLY A FEW FEET ABOVE US!



DRUIN, LISTEN! THAT VOICE UP ABOVE!

THE TOP!
HA HA!
I'VE REACHED IT!



WHEN AT LAST THEY
REACH THE SOURCE
OF THAT STRANGE
VOICE...

THE TOP! I'M
AT **THE TOP!** I'VE
CONQUERED THE TOWER!
THOUSANDS - MAYBE
MILLIONS - OF FOOLS
BELOW, STILL CLIMBING!
THEY NEVER MADE IT!
HA HA! I DID! I'VE
REACHED **THE TOP!**

WHY, HE'S
MAD!

WHY, YOU
OLD FOOL! YOU
HAVEN'T --

NO, IT DOESN'T
MATTER! COME, LET
US LEAVE BEFORE HE
BECOMES VIOLENT!

AND AS THE DAYS AND WEEKS PASS...

DO YOU FEEL SOMEHOW,
DRUIN, THAT WE **ARE**
NEAR **THE TOP** NOW?

YES, TARRAN, BUT
I HAVE FELT THAT WAY
SINCE I WAS OLD
ENOUGH TO CLIMB!

AS HAVE I!
BUT I THINK IT
MORE THAN MERE
HOPE! WE HAVE NOT
SEEN ANOTHER CLIMBER
FOR MANY WEEKS!

THAT LIGHT!
GLOWING! ALMOST
BLINDING ME!
CAN IT BE-?!

YOU SPOKE THE TRUTH,
TARRAN! THAT IS **THE TOP!**
NOTHING ELSE COULD GLOW
SO MAGNIFICENTLY!

DRUIN! YOU AND I-
WE SHALL BE THE FIRST
TO STAND UPON IT!

YES, TARRAN!
I SHALL BE
THE FIRST!

DRUIN, WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

ALL THAT I HAVE,
I WOULD SHARE WITH
YOU, TARRAN! BUT NOT
THIS FINAL GLORY!

DRUIN! COME TO YOUR
SENSES! IT IS ONLY THE
FRENZY OF THIS GREAT
MOMENT THAT BLINDS
YOU! YOU CAN'T --

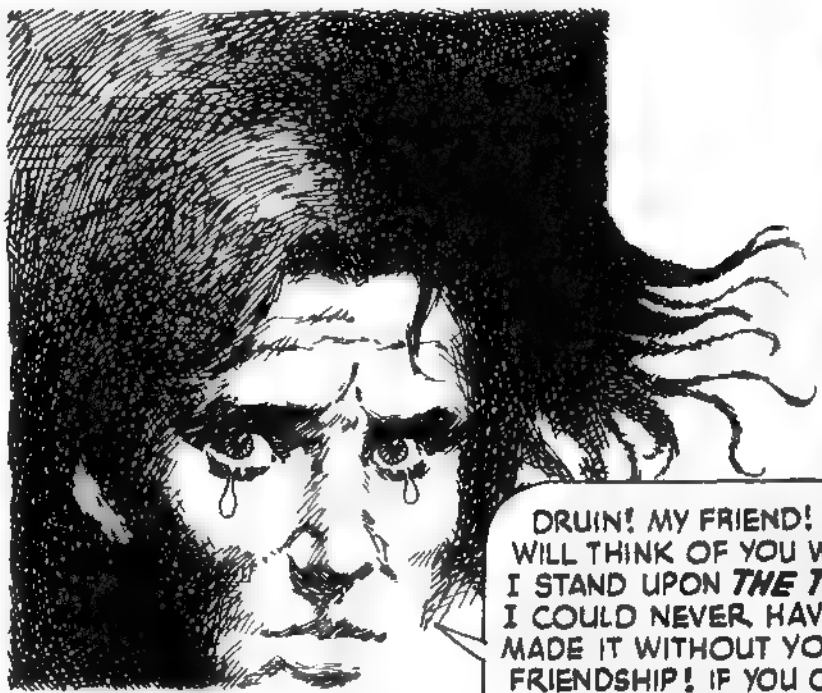
I MUST, TARRAN!
THE TOP IS ABOVE
ALL THINGS, EVEN
FRIENDSHIP! NOW-
YOU MUST DIE!

BUT IT'S BIG
ENOUGH FOR
BOTH OF US!
STOP!

UGGGHHH!

YEEEEAAAAA! AHHHHHH!

NOOOOOO! NOOOOO! YAUGGHHH!

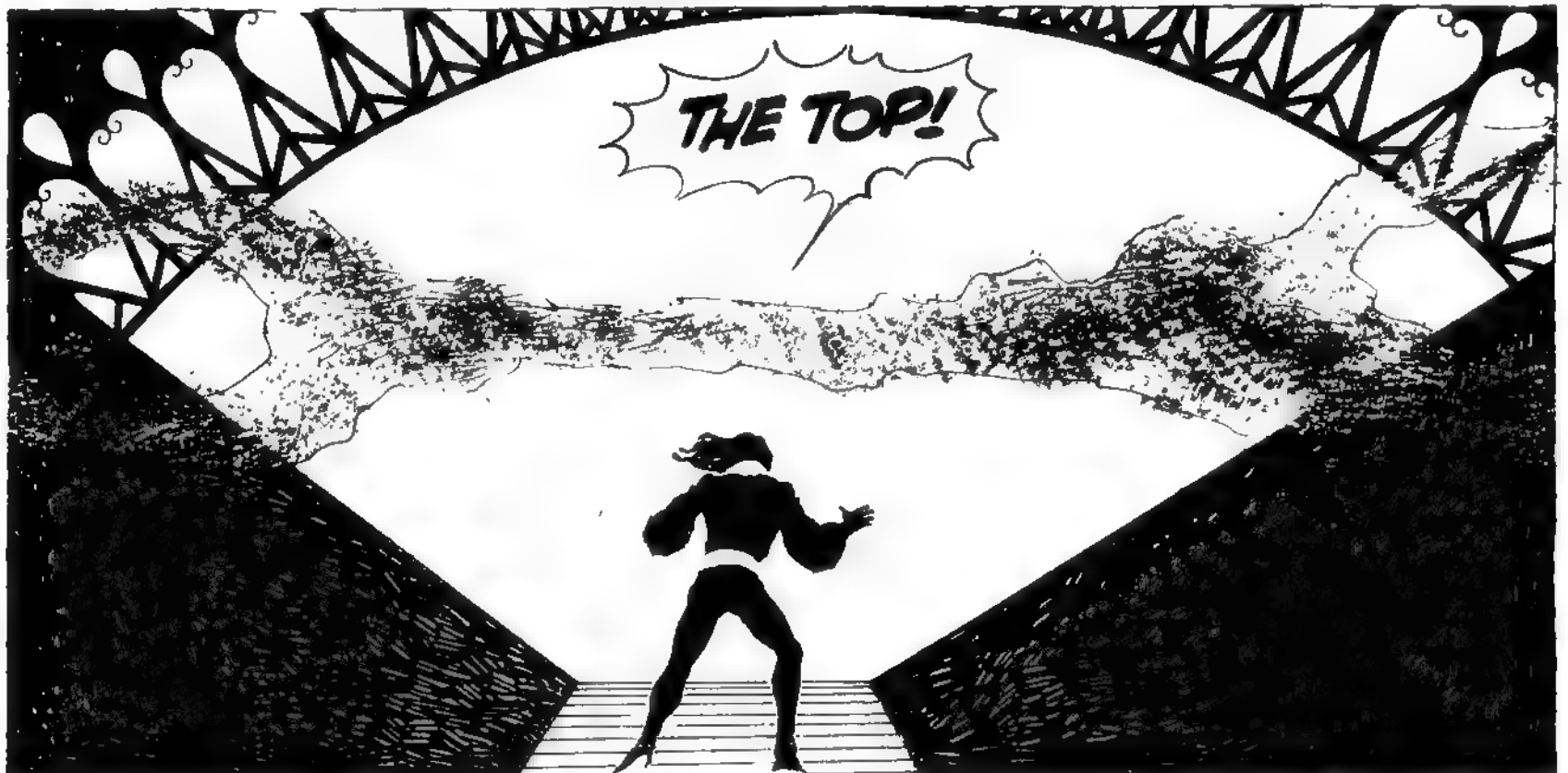


DRUIN! MY FRIEND! I
WILL THINK OF YOU WHEN
I STAND UPON **THE TOP!**
I COULD NEVER HAVE
MADE IT WITHOUT YOUR
FRIENDSHIP! IF YOU COULD
ONLY HAVE UNDERSTOOD
THAT THE GLORY WOULD
HAVE BEEN **YOURS**, TOO!

VICTORY IS NEAR, BUT IT WILL BE
A HOLLOW VICTORY NOW! I WILL
NOT REMEMBER WHAT TOOK PLACE
TODAY; I WILL ONLY REMEMBER
YOU FOR WHAT YOU WERE IN LIFE--
A FRIEND AS NO OTHER EVER WAS!



THE TOP!



IT IS
MINE
AT LAST!





THE TOWER IS HUGE, THEY SAY, STILL, THERE ARE THOSE WHO CLIMB IT - BY THE MILLIONS, AS THE YEARS AND CENTURIES ROLL BY. ONLY ONE HAS EVER ATTAINED THE VICTORY EACH MAN SEEKS. ONLY ONE HAS EVER REACHED *THE TOP*. STRANGE THEN, THAT ONLY ONE WORD EVER, PROCEEDS FROM HIS MOUTH, THOUGH HE HAS STOOD THERE IN SOLITARY GRANDEUR FOR MANY, MANY YEARS ...

MOONRAKER

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



From the 007 outer space epic! Backs of cards form two jigsaw puzzles! Assortment comes in the original wrapper! Set of 96 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26320 \$12.95
#26321 \$4.95



Stickers featuring Bond, Holly, Jaws, the Moonraker, action scenes and more! 22 Stickers #26322 \$3.95

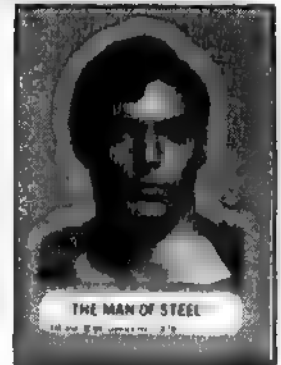
SUPERMAN

The MOVIE

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature movie facts and jigsaw puzzle of the Man of Steel! Assortment comes in the original wrapper! Set of 77 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26331 \$13.95
#26332 \$5.95



Brilliant full-color stickers from the sensational film! Superman, Lois, others! 12 Stickers #26333 \$2.95

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



The backs of 22 cards feature fascinating facts about the trend-setting science fiction spectacular...the rest can be combined to form a breathtaking scene from the movie! Set of 66 Trading Cards
#26323 \$10.95



Colorful stickers depicting exciting UFO scenes from the science fiction thriller! 11 Stickers #26324 \$2.95

SUPERMAN TWO

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Second thrilling series! Backs of cards have movie facts and large action scenes! Assortment comes in original wrapper! Set of 77 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26334 \$13.95
#26335 \$5.95



Follow-up series of exciting stickers! Phantom Zone criminals, action scenes! 18 Stickers #26336 \$3.95

ALIEN

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature two different jigsaw puzzles, plus summary of movie! Assortment comes in original wrapper! Set of 84 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26325 \$11.95
#26326 \$4.95



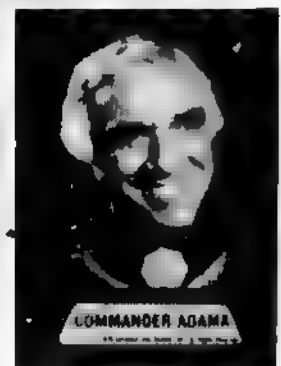
Dazzling stickers featuring the leading characters, the outer space scenes, more! 22 Stickers #26327 \$3.95

Battlestar GALACTICA

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature character profiles and two different jigsaw puzzles! Assortment comes in the original wrapper! Set of 132 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26337 \$16.95
#26338 \$5.95



Heroes and villains from the TV series on colorful stickers! Starbuck, others! 22 Stickers #26339 \$3.95

THE HULK

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards form four different jigsaw puzzles! Also, exciting TV facts! Assortment comes in the original wrapper! Set of 66 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26328 \$13.95
#26329 \$5.95



Stunning color stickers of TV's green-skinned gorilla and alter ego Dr. Banner! 22 Stickers #26330 \$3.95

STAR TREK

TRADING CARDS AND STICKERS



Backs of cards feature story summaries, plus jigsaw puzzles of Enterprise crew! Assortment comes in original wrapper! Set of 66 Trading Cards
Assortment of 40 Cards
#26340 \$13.95
#26341 \$5.95



Exciting stickers featuring Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Scotty, and all your other favorites! 22 Stickers #26342 \$3.95

BESIDES BEING THE **RICHEST MAN ON EARTH**, HOWARD ALBERT BLACK HAD ANOTHER DISTINCTION THAT SET HIM APART FROM "ORDINARY" PEOPLE. HE COLLECTED **WIVES**.

NOT JUST YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL WIVES, BUT VERY **SPECIAL** WIVES. WOMEN WITH **PECULIARITIES**.



SO IT WAS THAT WHEN HE CAME TO THE DILAPIDATED HOME OF OLD MA JENKINS, MR. BLACK HAD ALREADY MARRIED AND DIVORCED **SIX** WOMEN, AND WAS SEARCHING FOR A SEVENTH... A GIRL WHO WAS CALLED...

MIRANDA





BUT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I'LL GIVE YOU **ONE MILLION DOLLARS...** TAX FREE!

YOU'RE OFFERING ME ALL THAT MONEY IF I LET YOU **MARRY** MY NIECE, MIRANDA! BUT THAT CAN **NEVER BE!**

SHE... SHE'S... **DEFORMED.**



BUT THAT'S **EXACTLY** WHY I WANT TO MARRY HER... WHY I **MUST** MARRY HER!



HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU. THESE **PHOTOS...** OF MY FORMER WIVES...

BUT... THESE WOMEN HAVE SUFFERED... **TERRIBLY!**

FIRST THERE WAS MARIE, WITH ONLY **ONE EYE...** THEN JULIE, WHO HAD **NO ARMS...**



I WAS MARRIED TO THEM **ALL**, MRS. JENKINS.

YOU SEE, I FIND **BEAUTY** IN THE...UNIQUE! SOME WEALTHY MEN COLLECT GEMS, OTHERS CARS... BUT I COLLECT **WIVES!** VERY **UNUSUAL WIVES!**



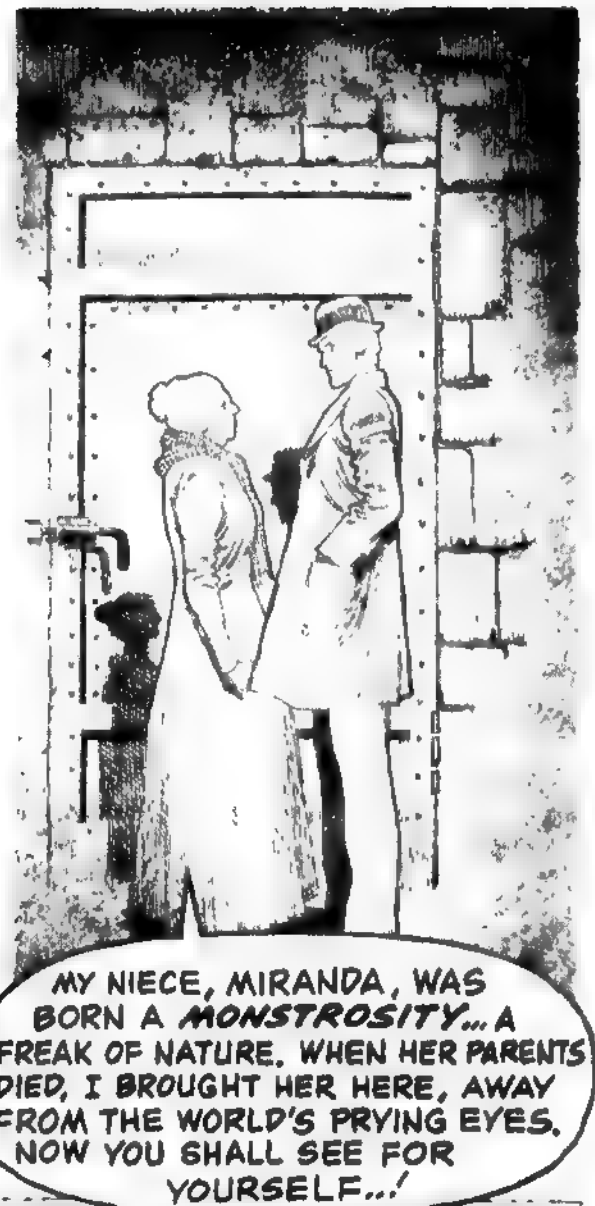
THIS IS HORRIBLE! **EVIL!** AND NOW YOU WANT MY NIECE...

...POOR, DELICATE **MIRANDA...!?**



AT LEAST LET ME **SEE** HER! YOU CAN HAVE A **THOUSAND DOLLARS** IF YOU'LL JUST LET ME **SEE** HER!

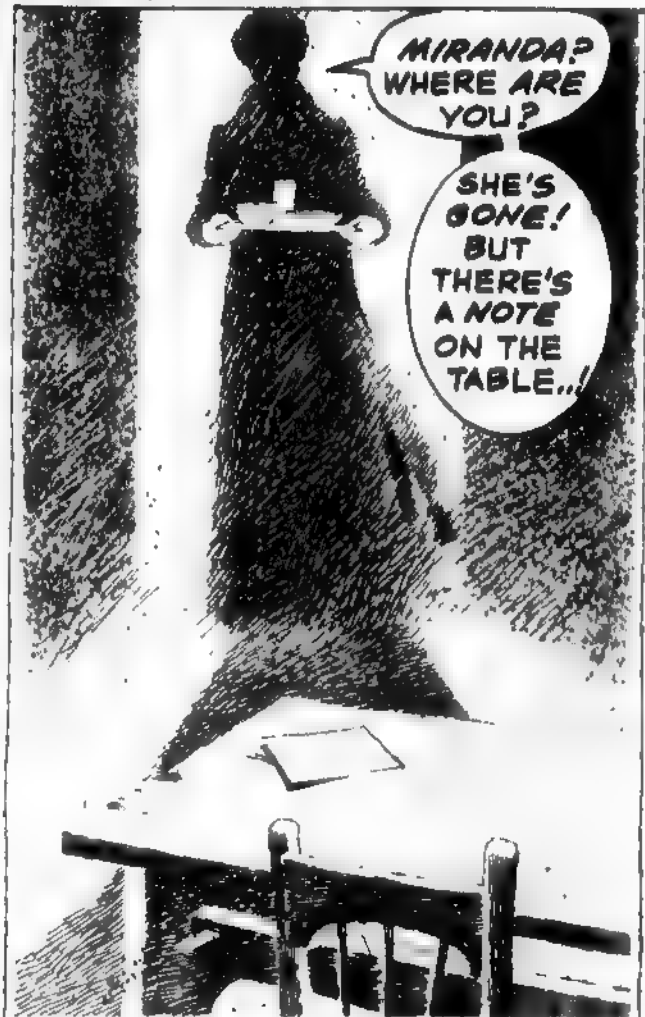
I DON'T WANT YOUR **MONEY** MR. BLACK! NEITHER DO I WANT YOU MARRIED TO MY NIECE. I'VE A MIND TO THROW YOU THE HELL **OUT** OF HERE! BUT I GUESS IT'S ONLY **RIGHT** THAT MIRANDA **MEET** YOU!

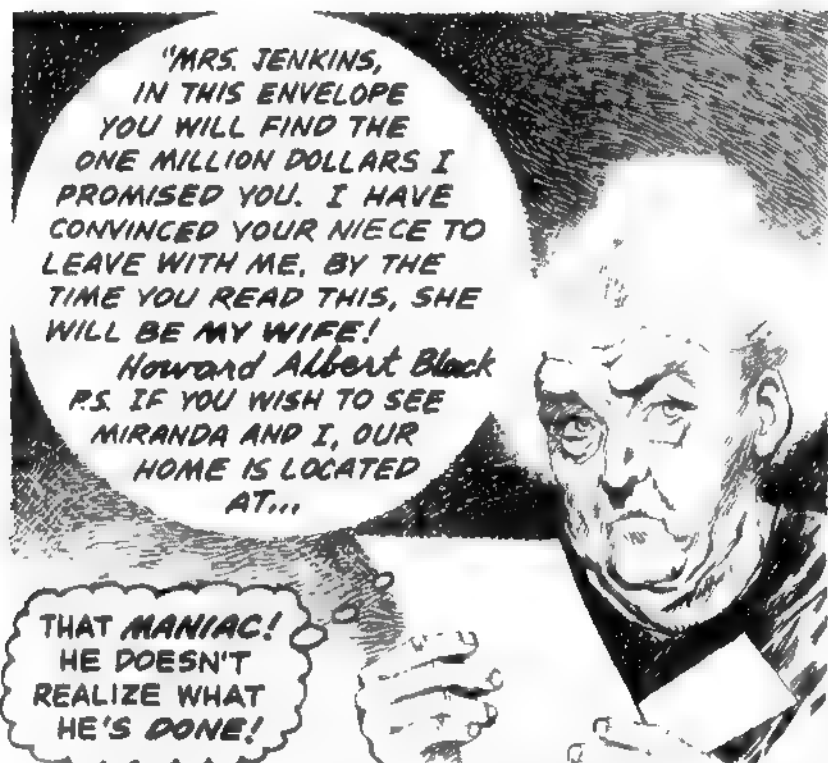






THE NEXT DAY, MA JENKINS BROUGHT MIRANDA HER BREAKFAST... BUT FOUND AN EMPTY ROOM WAITING FOR HER...





"MRS. JENKINS,
IN THIS ENVELOPE
YOU WILL FIND THE
ONE MILLION DOLLARS I
PROMISED YOU. I HAVE
CONVINCED YOUR NIECE TO
LEAVE WITH ME. BY THE
TIME YOU READ THIS, SHE
WILL BE MY WIFE!

Howard Albert Black
P.S. IF YOU WISH TO SEE
MIRANDA AND I, OUR
HOME IS LOCATED
AT...

THAT MANIAC!
HE DOESN'T
REALIZE WHAT
HE'S DONE!

TERRIFIED THAT SHE WAS ALREADY **TOO LATE**, MA
JENKINS **HURRIED** TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN
MR. BLACK'S NOTE...



YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME
IN! MR. BLACK IS IN TERRIBLE
DANGER! EVERY SECOND
COULD MEAN HIS LIFE!

OKAY, LADY... IF
IT'S REALLY SO
IMPORTANT,
I'LL LET YOU
IN...!

AAAAAAHHHHH

WHAT WAS
THAT?!

MY GOD!
I WARNED
THE FOOL!
I BEGGED
HIM NOT TO
MARRY MY
NIECE! NOW
IT'S TOO
LATE!

HURRY!
THERE
MAY STILL
BE TIME
TO SAVE
HIM!

HE KNEW MY
NIECE WAS A
FREAK OF
NATURE... A
MANTIS
WOMAN.

BUT HE DIDN'T
KNOW THAT HER
IMPULSES WERE
MORE INSECT
THAN HUMAN!
AND I COULDN'T
BRING MYSELF
TO TELL HIM...!



IF ONLY HE HAD
READ BOOKS ON
INSECTS AS I
HAVE, HE WOULD
HAVE UNDERSTOOD
WHY MIRANDA MUST
NEVER BE MARRIED!

BUT I SHOULD
HAVE TOLD HIM...



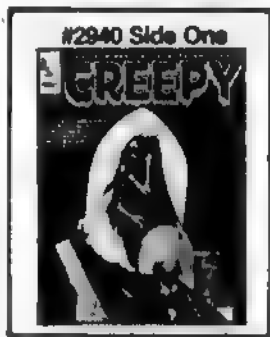
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM...

PRAYING MANTISES ALWAYS
EAT THEIR MATES!

WHILE YOU'RE
DIGESTING THAT
STORY, I HOPE YOU'LL
GO ON AND EAT UP
MY NEXT ONE....



WARREN POSTERS



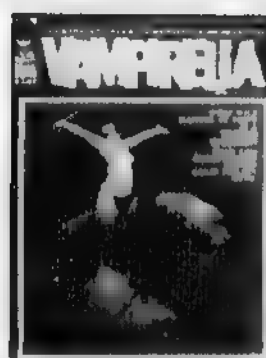
Special Double Posters! Creepy #46 & Eerie #40
16"x22" Full color on both sides. Order one
copy for \$1.00 or two copies for \$1.50! #2940



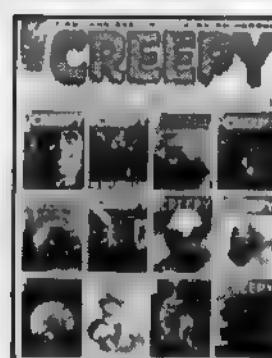
EERIE #41 Full Color
20"x28" #2829—\$2.00



EERIE #23 Full Color
20"x28" #2830—\$1.50



VAMPI #7 Full Color
20"x28" #2831—\$2.00



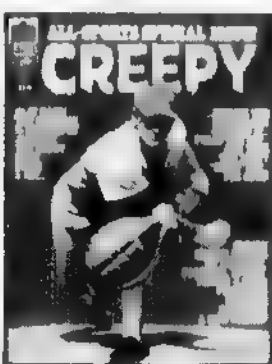
CREEPY #48 Full Color
20"x28" #2837—\$2.00

VAMPIRELLA

**6
FEET
TALL
FULL
COLOR!**

#2928/\$2.98

SPECIAL
ON THESE
FOUR
POSTERS
2 FOR \$3.50
3 FOR \$5.00
ALL 4 FOR
\$6.75!



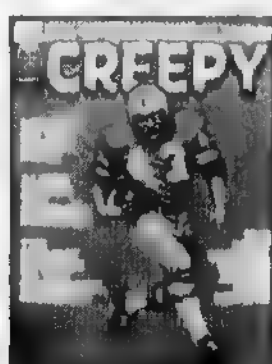
CREEPY #84 Full Color
20"x28" #2861—\$2.00



EERIE #79 Full Color
20"x28" #2862—\$2.00



EERIE #88 Full color
20"x28" #2861—\$2.00



CREEPY #93 Full Color
20"x28" #2862—\$2.00



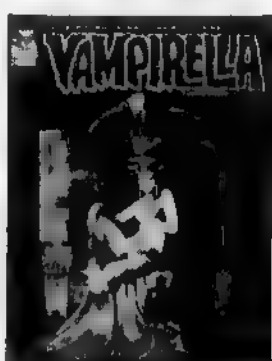
EERIE #38 Full Color
20"x28" #2836—\$2.00



EERIE #46 Full Color
20"x28" #2839—\$2.00



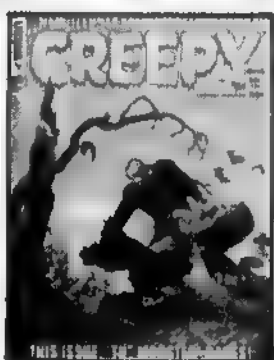
FM #100 Full Color
20"x28" #2841—\$2.00



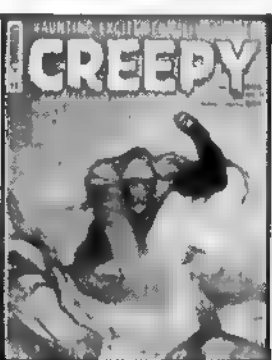
VAMPI #23 Full Color
20"x28" #2842—\$2.00



CREEPY #7 Full Color
20"x28" #2851—\$2.00



CREEPY #10 Full Color
20"x28" #2852—\$2.00



CREEPY #11 Full Color
20"x28" #2853—\$2.00



FM #93 Full Color
20"x28" #2854—\$2.00



EERIE #57 Full Color
20"x28" #2859—\$2.00



EERIE #59 Full Color
20"x28" #2860—\$2.00



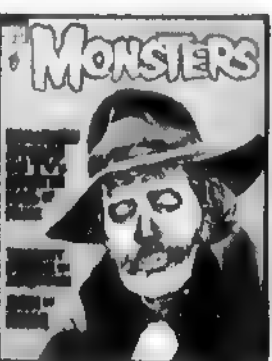
VAMPI #27 Full Color
20"x28" #2861—\$2.00



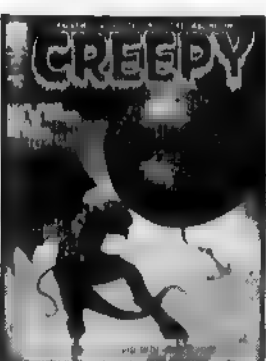
VAMPI #36 Full Color
20"x28" #2862—\$2.00



FM #113 Full Color
20"x28" #2863—\$2.00



FM #109 Full Color
20"x28" #2864—\$2.00



CREEPY #75 Full Color
20"x28" #2875—\$2.00



VAMPI #52 Full Color
20"x28" #2877—\$2.00

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

STAR WARS MAIL ORDER STORE

SPECTACULAR WHOLE HEAD STAR WARS MASKS

C-3PO MASK



C3PO MASK! Soft vinyl full over the head, hand painted, gleaming gold mask of C3PO! #25005/\$29.95

YODA MASK



YODA MASK! Now the sage of the Jedi Knights is a full color, full size mask from Star Wars! #25013/\$39.95

CHEWBACCA MASK

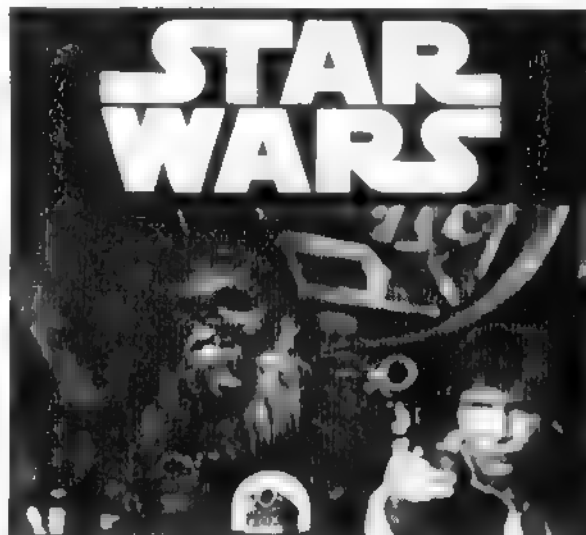


CHEWBACCA MASK! Realistic soft latex, over the head fur mask with hand applied fur. #25007/\$49.95

DARTH VADER MASK



DARTH VADER MASK! Shining black, rigid plastic, full-helmet/mask of the evil Jedi! 2 pieces. #25008/\$31.95



SUPER 8 FILMS

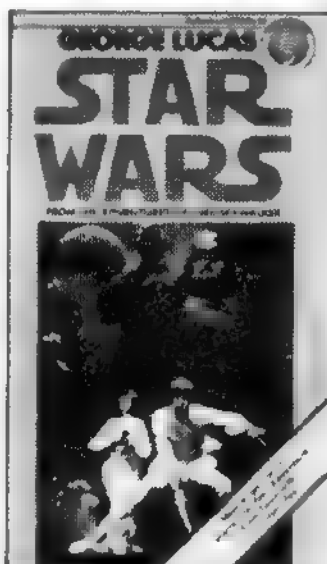
The excitement! The drama of STAR WARS can be yours! Now view selected scenes from the year's best movie in your own home.

COLOR SILENT SUPER 8
#22123/\$24.95
COLOR SUPER 8 FILM WITH SOUND
#22122/\$37.95



DOUBLE RECORD

STAR WARS ALBUM
Now Warren offers you the most spell-binding music from the movie that does it all. Star Wars' incredible sound track is brought back alive. This two record long playing, stereo album with its pulsing, pounding music rockets into orbit permanently. This hottest selling album is guaranteed to go fast! #2387/\$12.98



STAR WARS PAPERBACK BOOK

STAR WARS NOVEL by the film's Writer/director George Lucas! Read this exciting book and relive the movie's incredible adventure! This spellbinding 220 page paperback has a special section with 16 pages of thrilling full color scenes from the fantastic movie! #21262/\$2.50



STAR WARS FULL COLOR POSTER

THE SWORD POSTER Paste this big 20"x28" poster on the wall for inspiration. A painting by Hil debrandt, it has Luke & Leia rendered in golden hues with a formidable Darth Vader glaring from the sky. C-3PO & R2D2 are there! Full color! #2990/\$2.00



FIGHTERS
#2748 BOYS 14/\$4.75
#2749 MENS SMALL/\$4.95



ROBOTS
#2756A BOYS 8/\$4.75
#2756 BOYS 10/\$4.75
#2757 BOYS 14/\$4.75
#2758 MENS SMALL/\$4.95



SWORD
#2750 BOYS 10/\$4.75
#2751 BOYS 14/\$4.75



C-3PO & LUKE
#2753A BOYS 8/\$4.75
#2753 BOYS 10/\$4.75
#2754 BOYS 14/\$4.75
#2755 MENS SMALL/\$4.95



The "DORIAN GRAY SYNDROME"

BARBARA VASH WAS A FREELANCE WRITER WHO DEALT IN SUBJECTS OF THE OCCULT AND SUPERNATURAL. ONLY A SURE SELLING STORY COULD LURE HER INTO THE LOWER HAUNTS... PLACES FREQUENTED BY SUCH UNDESIRABLE CHARACTERS AS GORDON HATFIELD...

THERE HE IS, SITTING AT THAT TABLE. GORDON HATFIELD! FROM THE LOOKS OF HIM YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE THE INCREDIBLE STORIES GOING AROUND... THAT HE'S ALMOST A HUNDRED YEARS OLD!

WELL, I'M NOT GETTING ANY INFO BY STANDING AROUND!

EXCUSE ME MR. HATFIELD. MY NAME IS BARBARA VASH... AND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES, IF IT'S OKAY?

YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, MISS VASH. AND UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES I'D BE GLAD TO INVITE YOU TO MY TABLE... HOWEVER NOT TONIGHT.

YOU SEE... I'M IN MOURNING. THE GIRL I LOVED WAS RECENTLY DISCOVERED DEAD... BY HER OWN HAND.

NOW IF YOU'LL LEAVE ME WITH MY THOUGHTS..



SHE FELT UNEASY ABOUT HATFIELD'S COLDNESS, EVEN THE NEXT MORNING WHEN SHE ATTENDED THE DEAD GIRL'S FUNERAL.



THAT'S STRANGE. HATFIELD'S NOWHERE ABOUT. IF HE REALLY LOVED HER HE WOULD HAVE ATTENDED HER FUNERAL.

SHE HAD COME FOR A STORY. AFTER ALL SHE WAS A FREELANCE WRITER. SO SHE LISTENED...



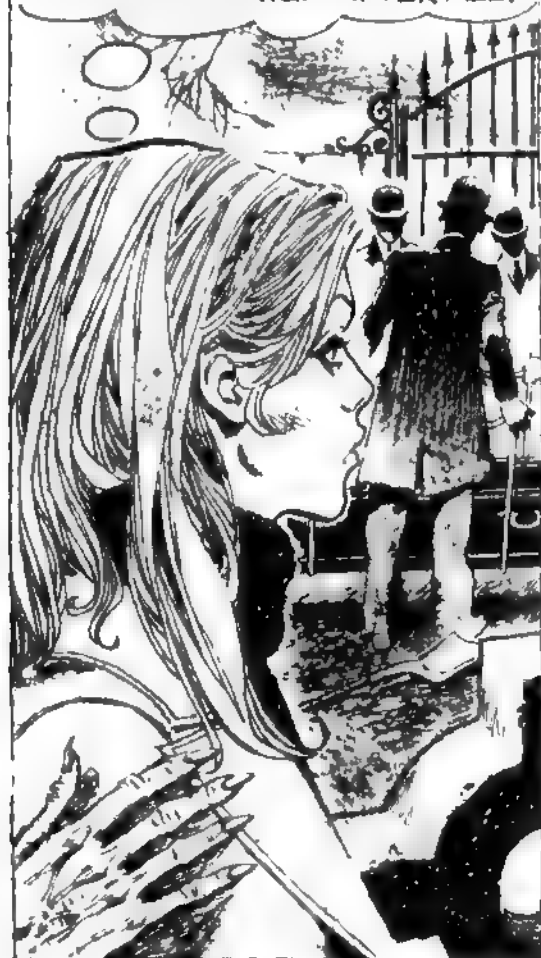
I TELL YOU SHE'S LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! SHE MIGHT'VE TAKEN HER OWN LIFE... BUT IT WAS 'CAUSE OF HIM! GORDON HATFIELD!

YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT HATFIELD! HE'S STRANGE!

WHEN I WAS A YOUNGSTER THAT HATFIELD LOOKED THE SAME AGE AS HE DOES NOW! I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT HE HAS A PAINTING...IT'S HIS PORTRAIT! THEY SAY IT AGES FOR HIM SO HE CAN STAY ETERNALLY YOUNG. IT'S UGLY AND RIDDLED WITH SIN! I EVEN HEARD HE SOLD HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL FOR IT!



AGAIN...THE SAME STORIES ABOUT HATFIELD, JUST LIKE OSCAR WILDE'S STORY "THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY." I'VE ENCOUNTERED MANY INEXPLICABLE THINGS IN RESEARCHING ARTICLES, MAYBE THIS PAINTING THING ISN'T SO FAR FETCHED AFTER ALL.



HUH!? OH, YOU STARTLED ME!



I'M SORRY FOR THAT, MY DEAR! BUT YOU SEE, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT ABOUT GORDON HATFIELD! IF YOU PROMISE TO DO AS I ASK... THEN I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!

WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?

ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK, PROVIDED YOU GIVE ME THE STORY I'M AFTER!



ALL RIGHT! THEN LISTEN...FOR I'VE SURVIVED THIS LONG... ONLY TO TELL MY STORY TO THE RIGHT PERSON! I MUST TALK FAST!



"HARRRHARR! MR. HATFIELD, HAVE I GOT A GOOD ONE FER YA!"

"AN' ME, I GOTCHA' THAT STUFF YE BEEN WANTIN'!"

"THEY SAY THAT GORDON HATFIELD OFFERED HIS SOUL TO SATAN IN RETURN FOR PERPETUAL YOUTH. APPARENTLY THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS ANSWERED HIS PRAYER. FOR HE WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF A TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT..."

"GORDON HATFIELD HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF HIS HANDSOME FEATURES. ALL THAT HAS EVER CONCERNED HIM IS EARTHLY PLEASURE. HE EXISTS ONLY TO SATISFY HIS VARIOUS LUSTS, FREQUENTING THE WORST PLACES IN TOWN AND ASSOCIATING WITH SCOUNDRELS OF EVERY TYPE"



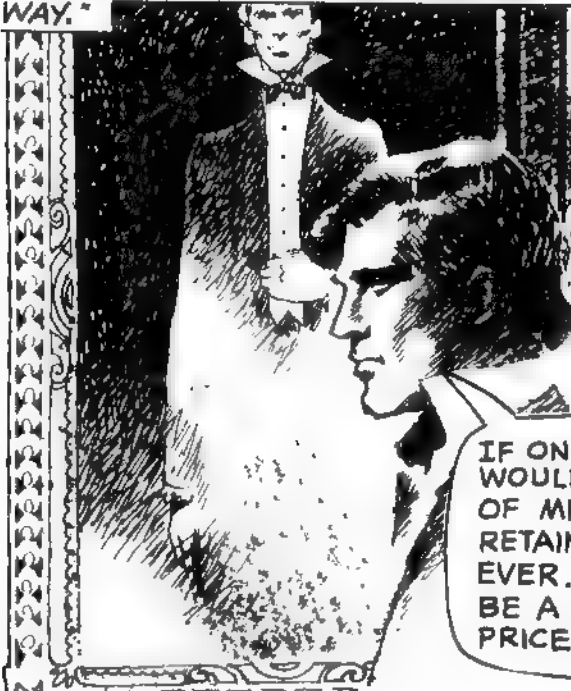
"YOU FILTH WILL BE WELL PAID... AS USUAL..."



"THERE IS A PAINTING OF HATFIELD HANGING IN AN UPSTAIRS ROOM OF HIS MANSION. GORDON HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF THAT PAINTING. IT IS LIKE HIM IN EVERY WAY."

"AND SO IT ALL BEGAN! ALL THOSE WHO EVER LOVED HIM... OR HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH HIM... LEARNED TRAGEDY!"

"THERE WAS NO ESTIMATING HIS DEBAUCHERY AND CRIME. ALTHOUGH THE LAW WAS UNABLE TO PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST HIM, THE PAINTING REFLECTED THE TRUE EVIL OF HATFIELD. YEARS LATER, HE STILL APPEARED TO BE A YOUNG AND INNOCENT MAN."



"IF ONLY THE PAINTING WOULD AGE INSTEAD OF ME! I COULD RETAIN MY YOUTH FOREVER! MY SOUL WOULD BE A CHEAP ENOUGH PRICE TO PAY!"



"I TOLD YOU THAT YOU NO LONGER AMUSE ME, MY DEAR. IF YOU PREFER TO KILL YOURSELF, THEN GO AHEAD. I DON'T CARE."



"THAT STORY IS UTTERLY INCREDIBLE! BUT... ASSUMING THAT IT'S TRUE, HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT HATFIELD?"

"I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME. IT WAS NEVER MADE PUBLIC, I'M... HIS DAUGHTER!"



"MY MOTHER WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO DIED BECAUSE OF HIM! AND NOW... YOUR PROMISE..."



"TAKE THIS KEY... TO HIS HOUSE... DESTROY THE PICTURE... AVENGE ME... AVENGE MY MOTHER... AND ALL THE OTHERS!"



"DEAD! THE STRAIN WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER! AND NOW I ALONE HOLD THE KEY..."

BARBARA KNEW SHE WAS COMMITTING AN ILLEGAL ACT. STILL, THE THOUGHT THAT A REAL LIFE "DORIAN GRAY" EXISTED, DROVE HER ON.

THOSE STAIRS...THE OLD WOMAN SAID THE PAINTING WAS KEPT UPSTAIRS. WELL, HERE GOES!



SHE MOVED SILENTLY. THERE WERE NO SERVANTS AND HATFIELD WAS NOWHERE ABOUT.

THIS MUST BE THE ROOM! I THOUGHT I KNEW ALL ABOUT THE OCCULT...BUT IF THIS IS REALLY TRUE...



HER HEART WAS READY TO BURST, SHE ENTERED THE FORBIDDING ROOM, RECALLING THE DREAD PROMISE SHE MADE TO THE OLD WOMAN...

A PAINTING! I'LL TAKE AWAY THE CLOTH... MAYBE, THIS IS THE PAINTING... OH, GOD!



THERE... NO! GOOD GOD! IT'S... IT'S...



...FRESH PAINTS...AND WET BRUSHES! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY WOULD A SUPERNATURAL AGENCY LIKE THE DEVIL NEED PAINTS AND BRUSHES TO DISTORT THE PICTURE?



THE MOST GHASTLY THING I'VE EVER SEEN! IT'S HORRIBLE!



OH! THE PAINT IS...WET!





OF COURSE! HATFIELD HIMSELF HAS BEEN AGING THE PICTURE! THERE'S NO SOUL-SELLING IN THIS CASE! BUT *WHY* DID HE DO IT? AND *HOW* HAS HE MANAGED TO KEEP SO YOUTHFUL?

SO YOU'VE DISCOVERED MY LITTLE SECRET, EH... MISS VASH?

YOU!

YES, MISS VASH! YOUR CHEAP LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OCCULT MUST TELL YOU THAT THIS ISN'T PAINT SMEARED ON MY MOUTH!

IT'S BLOOD! HUMAN BLOOD! YOU SEE... FOR ALMOST A CENTURY I'VE BEEN AGING THAT PICTURE WITH MY OWN ARTISTIC HAND! AGING IT SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD SUSPECT I'D SOLD MY SOUL! AND SO THEY WOULDN'T SUSPECT HOW I KEPT MY YOUTH...



... BY DRINKING BLOOD!

YOU'RE A VAMPIRE! YOU... *DIED* IN THAT TRAIN WRECK LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! AND CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD ...*UNDEAD* ETERNALLY!

GO AHEAD! IT'S JUST A PAINTING! THERE IS NO BOND THERE LIKE IN YOUR "DORIAN GRAY" STORY!

THAT IS WHY I DIDN'T ATTEND MY "LOVE'S" FUNERAL, IF EVEN JUST FOR APPEARANCES' SAKE. AFTER DRINKING HER BLOOD, I KILLED HER... LIKE ALL THE OTHERS. AND NOW YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE TRUTH...

MY DEAR, I'D HAVE YOU BEFORE YOU COULD HIT YOUR TARGET!



STAY BACK... OR I'LL SHOVE THIS INTO YOUR HEART!



MAYBE... BUT I CAN STAB THE PAINTING!



HIS VOICE, A SOMBER CHILL IN THE DARKENED ROOM...



WE SHALL SEE!

IT WAS A DESPERATE ACT, YET BARBARA VASH WAS AN OCCULT AUTHORITY, PERHAPS SHE KNEW SOMETHING THAT HATFIELD DID NOT.

ARGHHHH!



WHA...? MY HEART! IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN... *IMPALED!* CAN'T STAND THE... PAIN... *UGHHHH...*!



NO, YOU NEVER MADE A PACT WITH SATAN! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO! YOUR OWN ENTHUSIASM FINALLY DESTROYED YOU!



I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT *VOODOO!* DOLLS CONTAINING *PIECES OF FLESH OR HAIR* FROM THEIR *HUMAN COUNTERPARTS* CAN CAUSE PAIN, EVEN *DEATH* TO THEIR VICTIMS... IF STABBED WITH PINS OR OTHERWISE DESTROYED!



PHYSICALLY THERE WAS NOTHING OF YOU IN THAT PAINTING, GORDON HATFIELD! *PIECES OF FLESH AND HAIR* WEREN'T NECESSARY! YOU PAINTED YOUR MASTERPIECE *TOO WELL!*



YOU REALLY PUT YOUR *HEART AND SOUL* INTO IT!

WELL, IT WAS CURTAINS FOR OLD DORIAN, ALL RIGHT! AND HE WAS SUCH A *PICTURE OF HEALTH!* WELL, IF YOU FIND THIS TALE *TOO COLOR FUL TO PALLETE,* BRUSH OFF!



MOONRAKER SPACE SHUTTLE MODEL KITS!



MOONRAKER SHUTTLE WITH BOOSTER ROCKETS Actually two fabulous models in one! The fantastic, fanatically detailed Space Shuttle featured on the left plus two solid rocket boosters with an external fuel tank! The shuttle can be separated from the boosters and fuel tank. 1/144 scale kit comes with mobile launch pad base. #24244/\$10.00

MOONRAKER SPACE SHUTTLE A 1/144 scale model of the famous space shuttle, Moonraker! Finely engraved detail plus authentic decal markings make it a perfect replica of the original. Rare special features include a clear windshield and viewport, detailed rocket engines plus an astronaut figure and display stand. A Moonraker must! #24243/\$4.00

PAPERBACK

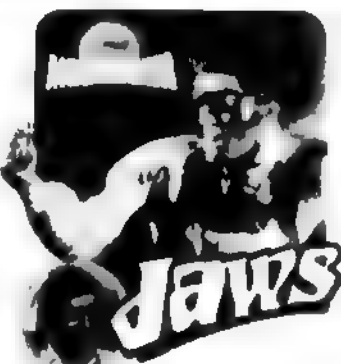
MOONRAKER

IRON-ONS!

Be the best-dressed double agent on your block with these colorful iron-ons! Take our pick of Agent 007 suited for outer space action...Jaws, the gruesome, toothsome terror...or Bond & Holly, the leading man and lady of the greatest James Bond epic of all!



SPACE SUITED BOND IRON-ON
#26188/\$1.25



MOONRAKER JAWS IRON-ON
#26187/\$1.25



BOND & HOLLY IRON-ON
#26189/\$1.25

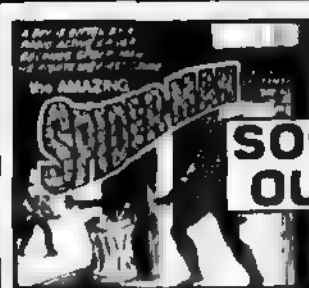


MOONRAKER PAPERBACK
Novelization of the latest 007 movie extravaganza! First new Bond book in years! #21386/\$2.25

SUPER HERO HOME MOVIES!

YOUR FAVORITE COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS!

CARTOON FILMS IN B&W OR FULL COLOR!



SPIDER-MAN THE ORIGIN: Spider-man's first big battle with a crime! Super 8, B & W: #22103—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22104—\$18.95



SPIDER-MAN KINGPINNED: Spider-man must deactivate a bomb! Super 8, B & W: #22105—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22106—\$18.95



SPIDER-MAN TREACHERY: Spider-man is framed by circus twins! Super 8, B & W: #22107—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22108—\$18.95



SPIDER-MAN SCORPION: The Scorpion maneuvers a prison escape! Super 8, B & W: #22109—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22110—\$18.95



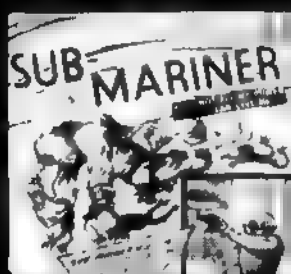
CAP AMERICA ZEMO & EVIL: Cap, Thor and Iron Man vs the evil Zemo! Super 8, B & W: #22111—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22112—\$18.95



THE HULK THE POWER: The Incredible Hulk fights the Army! A must! Super 8, B & W: #22113—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22114—\$18.95



IRON MAN THE ULTIMO: The creature from the volcano, Ultimo! Super 8, B & W: #22115—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22116—\$18.95



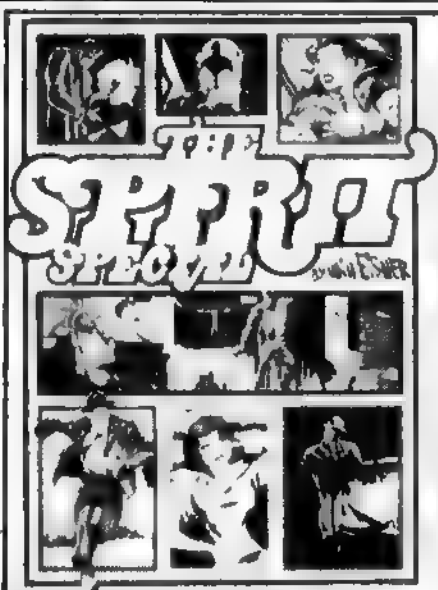
SUB-MARINER SAVE ME: Sub-Mariner battles the evil Krang! NOW! Super 8, B & W: #22117—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22118—\$18.95



MIGHTY THOR THUNDERGOD: Thor and his hammer vs Destroyer! Super 8, B & W: #22119—\$9.95 Also in Color: #22120—\$18.95

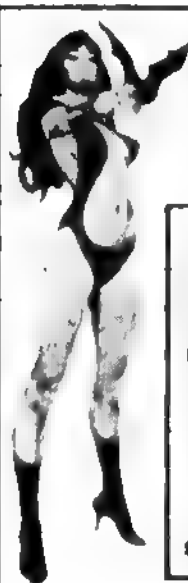
THE SPIRIT SPECIAL

80 dynamic pages of electrifying color! That's Will Eisner's THE SPIRIT SPECIAL! Meet The Spirit, Eisner's masked crime fighter of the 40's... alive in the 70's. Meet Ebony, Commissioner Dolan, Ellen... his cohorts in criminology. Meet the villains... The Octopus, Castanet, Mad Dr. Paraffin, Jest Plain Cyanide, Miranda of Alcatraz and of course, Pegg. Ten fantastic full-color stories. A slick 11"x8 1/2" format. Heavy weight paper. Quality printing. Get THE SPIRIT SPECIAL MAGAZINE! Supply is limited. #21187/\$4.98



VAMPI 1977 BACK ISSUE CALENDAR WITH FULL COLOR PICTURES SUITABLE FOR FRAMING! ONLY \$1.98

Here are nine covers from VAMPIRELLA & EERIE without title logos. A big 13" x 9" of which 12" x 8" is purely art. Included are 3 never-before publishing paintings. All are by Enrich and the subject of every painting is... Girls! Vampire and her ghoul friends! #26011/\$1.98



ORDER 2 GET 1 FREE!

VAMPIRELLA

STICKER only 99¢

8 INCHES OF PULCHRITUDE! 8 INCHES OF FUN! VAMPIRE AN ASSET TO ANY WINDOW... ANYWHERE!

This exciting 8 inch miniature of Jose Gonzalez' masterful portrait of VAMPIRELLA is printed on durable clear plastic backing. Peel off the protective covering, place its pre-gummed surface face forward against any piece of glass or see-thru plastic. Like magic, VAMPIRELLA peers out at you from the other side. Great for car windshields! #2699/99¢ each 3 for \$1.98

HEART-STOPPING! RIP-EMOTION! GUT-BUSTING! PULSE-POUNDING! BEAUTY OF A STICKER! FOR CAR! CYCLE! HOME! SCHOOL! A TERRIFIC TRAFFIC STOPPER!

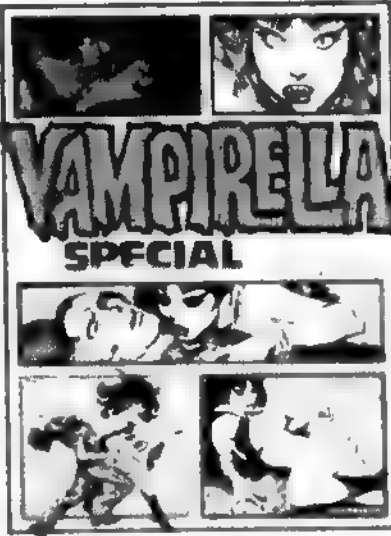
SAVE YOUR

VAMPIRELLA



BACK ISSUES IN LIBRARY CASES!

You must know how valuable Warren magazines are. You know how back issues increase in desirability and price as the supply of mint copies dwindles. So, you serious collectors of our books must be pleased to know that we're bringing out a whole fantastic line of CUSTOM-DESIGNED LEATHERETTE FINISH LIBRARY CASES. Each one hold a one-year run of this, your favorite horror magazine and keeps in superb condition. Our title is in gold type right on the spine! This VAMPI LIBRARY CASE features a blue spine and black leatherette body. Order yours today! #2637/\$5.50



VAMPIRELLA

SPECIAL

ILLUSTRATED BY JOSE GONZALEZ!

VAMPIRELLA SPECIAL: Our hard-cover edition was a sellout...but this softcover volume can be yours at a bargain price! Here's your only chance to see full-color versions of Vampi's most exciting adventures, as richly rendered by Jose Gonzalez! All 80 color pages are printed on high-quality paper! And wait till you read the blood-curdling stories by Archie Goodwin & Flannery O'Connor! VS #1—\$2.98

VAMPIRELLA NOVELS



BLOODSTALK-Vampi's original! She came to Earth to fight Chaos! #21194/\$1.25



ON ALIEN WINGS-A madman seeks out VAMPI to achieve immortal life! #21196/\$1.25



DEADWALK-Zombies, dead who dance to Rock! VAMPI vs Chaos! #21197/\$1.25

VAMPIRELLA HOBBY KIT

18-SNAP PLASTIC PARTS

Flying directly in your direction, exclusively from Warren Publishing, is VAMPIRELLA! She is a star - Debutante of Draculon. Vamp of vamps! Here before you is your chance to own this vivacious creature. She'll stand bewitchingly, assembled on your hobby shelf. A special attraction is her movable arms and legs. Perched on her shoulder is Vampi's pet Bat! Definitely a unique buy and a contrast to your other hobby kits. VAMPIRELLA stands over 5" tall and will mesmerize you. She is the Princess of Draculon who hobnobs with Dracula himself! Order now! #2439/\$2.00



NO GLUE NEEDED! PUT IT TOGETHER IN MINUTES!

SHE'S FANG-TASTIC!



BLOOD WEDDING-The evil Mordante plans to wed VAMPI to Chaos! #21207/\$1.25



DEATHGAME-VAMPI's game isn't dice but her love for a Chaos Agent! #21208/\$1.25



SNAKEGOD-Cobra Queen, who can change into a snake, is after VAMPI! #21209/\$1.25

NOW AS YOU RUN AIMLESSLY THROUGH THE MIDNIGHT STREETS... IN YOUR MIND, HER BODY STRETCHES OUT BEFORE YOU, PALE LIFELESS, THE PEARL-HANDLED KIFE STICKING OBSCENELY OUT FROM HER WHITE STOMACH, THE BLOOD STILL GUSHING FROM THE JAGGED, WICKED GASH...

NO! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! IT WASN'T ME!

SHE WAS ASKING FOR IT! EGGING ME ON! BUT...

NO! I DIDN'T DO IT! I DIDN'T

I... I DON'T REMEMBER DOING IT!

THE KILLER!

THINK BACK. TRY TO REMEMBER... WHAT HAPPENED? IF IT WASN'T YOU THEN WHO WAS IT THAT SHOVED THAT BLADE INTO HER PALE AND BEAUTIFUL BODY?...

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ME! SOMEONE ELSE MUST HAVE DONE IT! IT WASN'T ME!

RUN. BUT AS YOU RUN, THINK... ASK YOURSELF, "WHAT IS IT I'M RUNNING FROM?" IS IT YOUR GUILT? OR ARE YOU TRYING TO BLOCK THE MEMORY OF THAT HORRID, GORY MOMENT?

NO! I WANTED TO DO IT! FOR THESE PAST FEW MONTHS... GOD, HOW I WANTED TO DO IT!

BUT... I COULDN'T HAVE! COULDN'T HAVE!

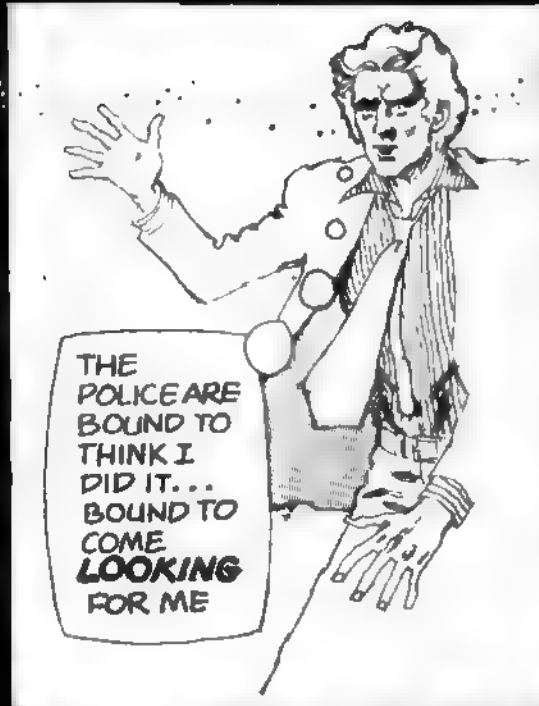
COLD SWEAT FLOWS OVER YOUR BROW AND INTO YOUR EYES... AND YOU RUN BLIND, LUNGS LABOR.

AND YOUR BRAIN, TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE FEAR AND THE TERROR, GRABS HOLD OF CERTAIN MEMORIES, AND, IN YOUR MIND, YOU WHIRL BACK THROUGH TIME... BACK TO BETTER DAYS...



GOTTA FIND SOME PLACE TO HIDE...

RUN. AND, AS YOU RUN, EXHAUSTION OVERTAKES YOU...



THE POLICE ARE BOUND TO THINK I DID IT... BOUND TO COME LOOKING FOR ME



SHE WAS TALL, WELL-BUILT, A LITTLE FAT. HER LIPS WERE LUMINOUS, SHINING, ALMOST NEON. THEY WORE NO LIPSTICK AND WERE CONTINUALLY FORMED INTO A WIDE CHILDLIKE SMILE WHICH SHOWED HER SLIGHTLY DISCOLORED TOOTH.

HER HAIR WAS STRAIGHT, UNCOMBED, WITH A NATURAL PART IN THE MIDDLE AND FALLING OVER HER FACE, COMBINING WITH HER SOMEWHAT FAT CHEEKS TO GIVE HER A RATHER PEARLSHAPED HEAD. SHE WAS SLIGHTLY PIGEON-TOED AND WORE BACKLESS SANDALS THAT WOULD SLAP AGAINST THE BACK OF HER FEET WHEN SHE WALKED. WHEN SHE SAT, SHE WOULD CHAIN-SMOKE.



SHE WAS FAR FROM BEAUTIFUL... FAR FROM WHAT YOU HAD VISUALIZED AS THE PERFECT WOMAN...

I'VE REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME!

LISTEN WHEN CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN?

WELL, I'D SAY THAT'S REALLY UP TO YOU



AT FIRST, SHE WAS JUST SOMEONE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH...

OKEY THEN HOW ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT? WE COULD GO TO A MOVIE OR SOMETHING!

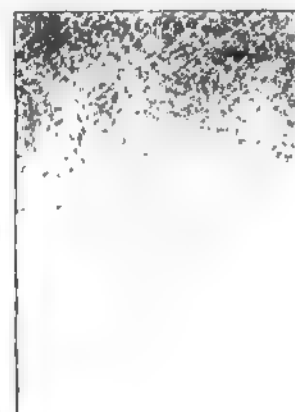
WELL, SOUNDS ALL RIGHT! I DON'T THINK I'VE GOT ANYTHING PLANNED FOR FRIDAY!

SURE! I'D LOVE TO!





BUT THE MORE YOU SAW OF HER THE MORE SERIOUS YOU BECAME... PERHAPS, BECAUSE YOU HAD ALWAYS BEEN SHY, INTROVERTED, AND SHE WAS THE FIRST GIRL WHO HAD EVER REALLY SEEMED INTERESTED IN YOU. BUT NO, IT WAS MORE THAN THAT. SHE HAD AN INNER QUALITY... AN UNINHIBITED SENSE OF JOY... THAT TRULY INTRIGUED YOU...

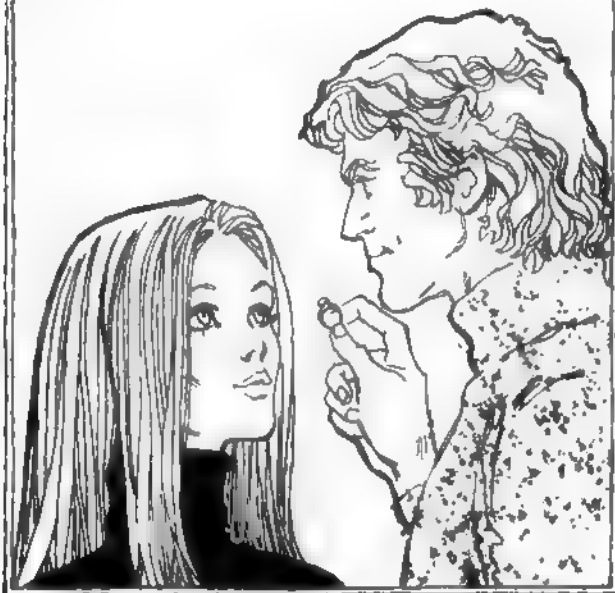


...AND THERE WAS AN AIR OF MYSTERY ABOUT HER AS WELL. YOU KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HER PAST. AND, WHEN EVER YOU BROUGHT UP HER FAMILY, TRIED TO FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT HER PARENTS, SHE QUICKLY CHANGED THE SUBJECT.

ABOUT ALL YOU KNEW ABOUT HER WAS THAT SHE WORKED AS A CLERK IN A SMALL OFFICE THERE IN TOWN.



WAS IT LOVE? INFATUATION? OR SIMPLY A FEAR THAT SOMEDAY HER SENSE OF JOY WOULD LEAD HER AWAY FROM YOU? DID YOU FEEL THAT MARRIAGE WAS THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD HOLD ON TO HER? WAS THAT WHY YOU ASKED?



FINALLY, THE DAY CAME...
THE HAPPIEST DAY OF
YOUR LIVES... OR SO
YOU THOUGHT!

BUT AFTER ONE BEAUTIFUL YEAR...



NO! NOT AGAIN!

WHERE ARE YOU
GOING TONIGHT?

OUT!

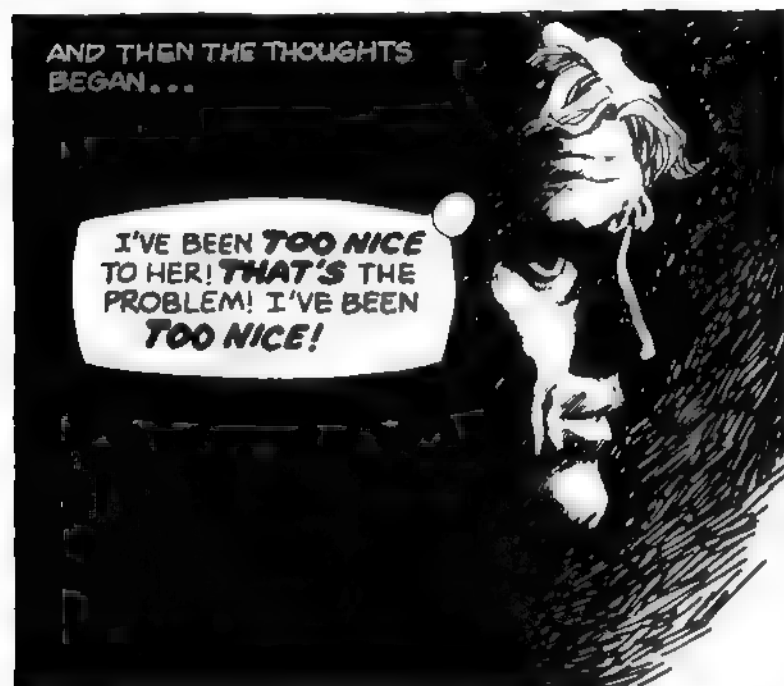
I DON'T HAVE TO
TELL YOU WHERE!
I CAN DO WHAT I WISH



THERE'S **SOMEONE ELSE!**
ISN'T THERE? WHO **IS** HE?

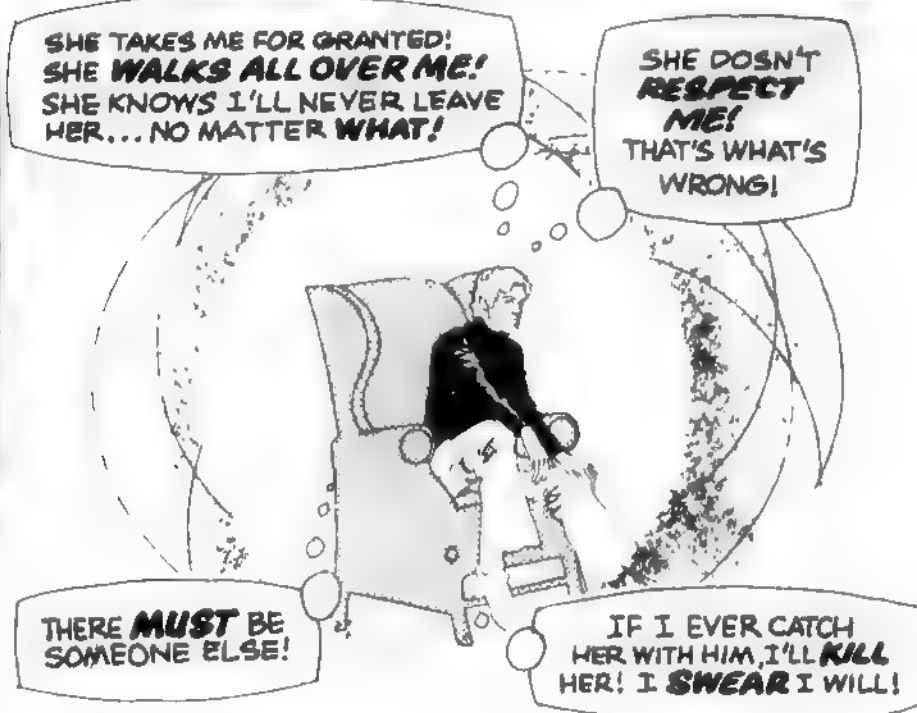
AWW,
KNOCK IT OFF
WILLYA?

I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER
TO **YOU!** I'VE GOT **MY OWN**
LIFE TO LEAD!



AND THEN THE THOUGHTS
BEGAN...

I'VE BEEN **TOO NICE**
TO HER! **THAT'S** THE
PROBLEM! I'VE BEEN
TOO NICE!



SHE TAKES ME FOR GRANTED!
SHE **WALKS ALL OVER ME!**
SHE KNOWS I'LL NEVER LEAVE
HER... NO MATTER **WHAT!**

SHE DOESN'T
RESPECT
ME!
THAT'S WHAT'S
WRONG!

THERE **MUST** BE
SOMEONE ELSE!

IF I EVER CATCH
HER WITH HIM, I'LL **KILL**
HER! I **SWEAR** I WILL!

BAR

AND THE MORE TIME SHE SPENT AWAY FROM HOME, THE MORE TIME YOU SPENT AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD TAVERN, TRYING TO DROWN YOUR SADNESS... AND YOUR FRUSTRATION...

UNTIL, FINALLY, THAT VERY NIGHT, WHEN YOU STAGGERED HOME WITH ONE THOUGHT IN MIND...

WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!

TONIGHT WE'RE GONNA HAVE IT OUT!

EITHER SHE DOES AS I SAY FROM NOW ON...

YOU REMEMBER MAKING IT THROUGH YOUR APARTMENT DOOR...

OR I'M KICKING HER OUT! FOR GOOD!

I MEAN IT!

BUT THEN, YOU MUST HAVE PASSED OUT...

NO! NO!

OH MY GOD!

AND WHEN YOU CAME TO, YOU SAW IT... THE WHOLE HIDEOUS SCENE ... THE LARGE POOL OF BLOOD, THE BLANK-STARING EYES, THE PEARL-HANDLED KNIFE...

TERROR, SHOCK AND HORROR TORE AT YOUR INSIDES ... AND IT WAS THEN YOU BEGAN TO RUN...

...AND RUN... AND RUN...

NOW, YOUR MEMORIES HAVE LED YOUR MIND ONCE MORE TO THE PRESENT... YOU FEEL AGAIN THE ACHE IN YOUR LUNGS... AND AGAIN YOU ASK YOURSELF WHY YOU ARE RUNNING...



I... **MUST** HAVE DONE IT! THERE'S **NO OTHER** ANSWER!

GOTTA KEEP **MOVING!** FIND SOMEPLACE TO HIDE!

I **KILLED** HER--STABBED HER! THEN, **BLOCKED** THE WHOLE THING OUT OF MY MIND!

THAT **MUST** BE WHAT HAPPENED!



I **FOUND** HER WITH **ANOTHER** MAN!



BUT, JUST THEN...



NOW YOU CRAWL AND YOU FEEL THE PAIN, THE TREMENDOUS THROBBING ACHE, THAT COURSES THROUGHOUT YOUR BODY... AND AGAIN YOUR MIND IS ASKING QUESTION UPON QUESTION...

WHY HAS THIS **HAPPENED**? WHY DID IT HAVE TO END UP LIKE **THIS**? WHY DIDN'T WE STAY AS HAPPY AS WE WERE ON THE DAY WE WERE **MARRIED**?

WHY DID WE HAVE TO **GROW APART**?

BUT NO, YOU DIDN'T REALLY GROW APART, DID YOU? SHE GREW AWAY FROM YOU. BUT YOU STAYED THE SAME... STAYED AS YOU ALWAYS WERE...

IN HER JOB, SHE RECEIVED PROMOTIONS AGAIN AND AGAIN. WENT FROM CLERK TO SECRETARY.

... WHILE YOU CONTINUED TO PLOD ALONG AT THE SAME OLD JOB... NEVER GETTING A PROMOTION... NEVER ASKING FOR OR RECEIVING A RAISE.

AND AS HER JOB CHANGED, HER LIFE-STYLE CHANGED AS WELL. SHE MADE NEW FRIENDS; BECAME SOPHISTICATED.

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE ALREADY **DEAD** OR SOMETHING!

YOU ARE **DULL**, ARTHUR! A REAL **BORE**!

THE MEMORIES HURT EVEN MORE THAN THE PAIN THAT IS COURSEING THROUGH YOUR BODY. YOU WANT IT TO STOP. YOU WANT IT ALL TO STOP.

AND, AT LAST YOU GET YOUR WISH.

THE BLISSFULL DARKNESS DESCENDS ... BLISSFULL DEATH!

AND, YOUR HOME-LIFE WAS STAGNANT. YOUR IDEA OF AN EXCITING EVENING WAS STAYING HOME AND WATCHING SOMETHING 'GOOD' ON T.V.!



HONESTLY, OFFICER! HE RAN
RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF ME!
THERE WAS **NOTHING** I COULD DO!

YEP! SAYS HERE
HIS NAME IS
ARTHUR KIRBY

DEAD!
ANY
IDENTIFICATION?

ARTHUR KIRBY!
ISN'T THERE AN **APB** OUT
ON HIM? HE'S THE HUSBAND
OF THAT GIRL WHO WAS
STABBED EARLIER THIS
EVENING! ISN'T HE?



YEP! BUT THAT
APB WAS **CANCELLED**.
REMEMBER?



OH YEH, THAT'S **RIGHT!**
HOMICIDE'S ALREADY
SOLVED THAT CASE!

THE GIRL APPARENTLY
SURPRISED SOME **SECOND-
STORY** MAN WHO WAS AFTER
HER JEWELS OR SOMETHING!
AND **HE** STABBED HER!



ACCORDING TO THE BULLETIN
THEY'VE ALREADY **GOT** THE
GUY! AND HE'S MADE A FULL
CONFESSION!

HMM...I **WONDER**,
THOUGH! COULD THERE
BE SOME **CONNECTION**
BETWEEN HER DEATH AND
HER HUSBAND'S...



...OR IS THIS JUST
SOME **WEIRD**
COINCIDENCE!?

HE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT IT WAS FEAR
AND GUILT THAT LED TO DEATH. A MOMENTARY
CURIOSITY ON THE PART OF THIS POLICEMAN,
BUT SOON THAT WILL **PASS...**
FOR IN DEATH, AS IN LIFE,
YOU ARE BASICALLY QUITE
UNEXCITING... THOUGH,
FOR A SHORT WHILE, YOU
THOUGHT YOU WERE A
KILLER!

VAMPIRELLA

BACK ISSUES



To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

What fan of the Heavenly Huntress could resist sinking his teeth into these early epics...tracing the Vampi saga to its beginning? Issues from six years back are still available for slightly above the current cover price! Why, you'd have to be bats not to...



VAMPI #94 \$2.50



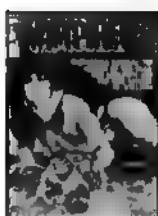
VAMPI #95 \$2.50



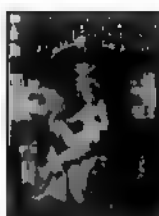
VAMPI #96 \$2.50



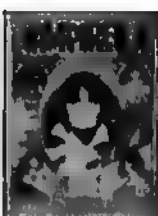
VAMPI #97 \$2.50



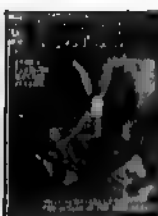
VAMPI #98 \$2.50



VAMPI #99 \$2.50



VAMPI #100 \$2.50



VAMPI #101 \$2.50



VAMPI #102 \$2.50



VAMPI #103 \$2.50



VAMPI #104 \$2.50



VAMPI #105 \$2.50



VAMPI #106 \$2.50



VAMPI #107 \$2.50



VAMPI #108 \$2.50

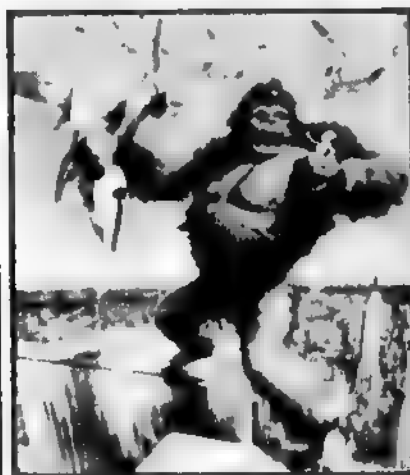


VAMPI #109 \$2.50

BUY YOURS BEFORE PRICES FLY UP... UP... UP!

ORDER YOUR ISSUES TODAY!

THE NEW KING KONG!



A GIANT 35" x 23" COLOR POSTER!

KONG straddles the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center! What is that he is holding in his huge palm? Could it be? Yes! A fair haired maiden—terrorized! Fighter jets swoop down to save her from the APE! This amazing scene appeared on Famous Monsters—issue #125. Now it can be yours! A grand, new, full color poster! #2978/\$2.00

EMPIRE STRIKES BACK PORTFOLIO OF PAINTINGS



THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK PORTFOLIO OF PAINTINGS: An incredible collection of full color Ralph McQuarrie paintings that capture the full power intensity and sweep of the year's best movie! There are 24 beautiful 9 1/4" x 21" color plates on quality glossy stock! #28268/\$6.95

FULL COLOR ANIMATED CEL ART



1994 CEL ART! Original Rudy Nebres designs of Diana Jacklighter, Ghita, Angel, and Spearchucker Spade. Each 11" x 14" cel is a collector's item individually hand-painted by a Warren Artist! The attractive cels come with a brilliant matte. Specify whether you want your cel to be painted in emitting Day Glo or vivid Warren colors: Day Glo #29056--\$21.95 or Warren colors #29055--\$19.95.



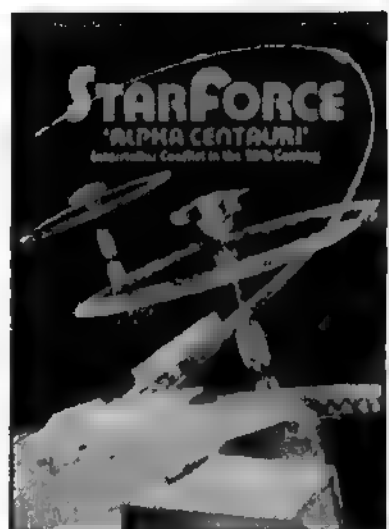
VAMPIRELLA CEL ART! Featuring your favorite Warren characters: Vampirella, The Fox, Cassandra, and Pantha. Each cel is designed by Rudy Nebres and painted by a Warren staff artist in Day Glo or vibrant Warren colors! Cels are 11" x 14" in size and come mounted with a matte. Order your valuable collector's item today. Specify either Day Glo #29054--\$21.95 or Warren colors #29053--\$19.95.

STAR WARS

INTERSTELLAR BATTLES AT YOUR COMMAND IN THESE EXCITING GAMES OF STRATEGY AND CHANCE



STAR FIGHTER GAME: Interstellar hand to hand combat on alien planets in the 25th century. Game is complete with board, playing cards and instructions. You are the master strategist in this subtle and exciting game! #28098--\$8.00



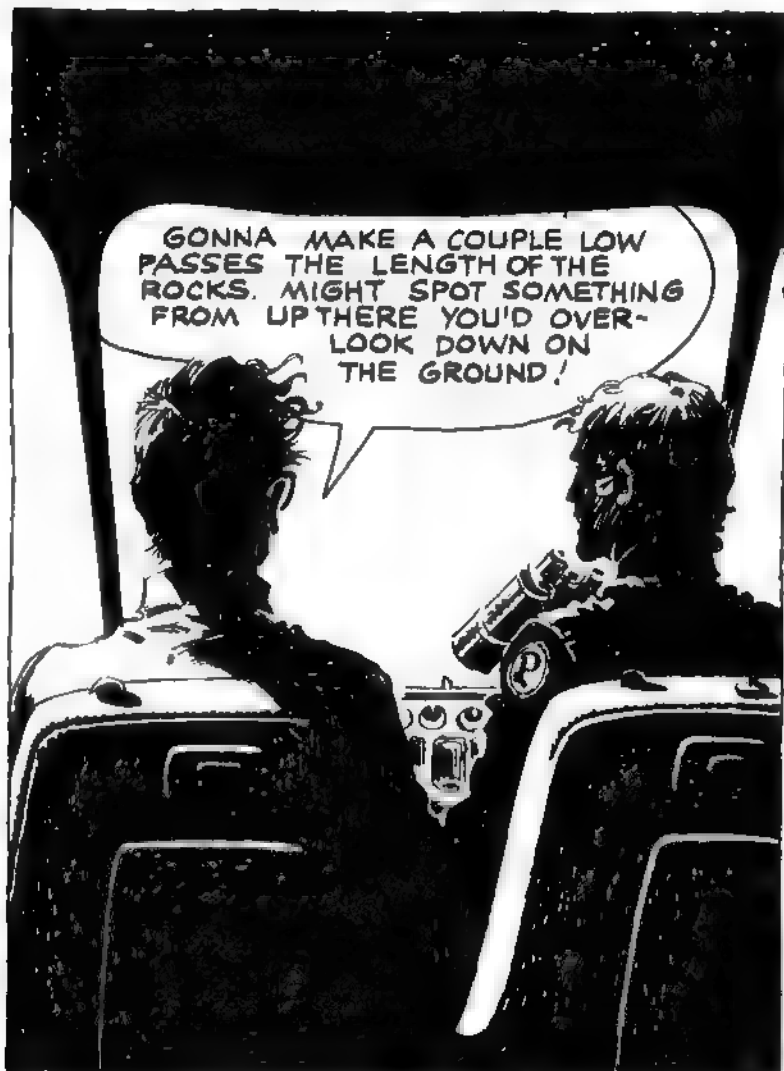
STAR FORCE GAME: Perseus from Earth a fleet of battle hardened star ships prepares to engage in cosmic conflict as you call the moves. This exciting adventure game comes complete with board, cards and rules! #28087--\$8.00



"WE BROKE THROUGH THE CLOUDS, THE COPTER'S BLADES CHURNING ALMOST NOISELESSLY IN THE DESERT AIR. LEM BEGAN THE DESCENT."

MINRA

"THE WORN MOUNTAINS STRETCHED FOR CLOSE TO THREE SQUARE MILES. AFTER THAT, TWENTY MILES OF DESERT. MINRA WAS HIDING SOMEWHERE BELOW..."



"I DIDN'T RELISH MY VIGILANTE ROLE. I DON'T LIKE TO KILL, EVEN ANIMALS, BUT THE NEAREST THING RESEMBLING LAW WAS CLEAR INTO THE NEXT STATE, MUCH TOO FAR, IF LEM AND I HADN'T VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS "SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION" HALF THE TOWN WOULD HAVE TORN OUT INTO THE DESERT."



"NO, WE HAVE TO KEEP THE MURDER CIVILIZED AS POSSIBLE."



PICTURE A QUIET AND LONELY GIRL WAITING QUIETLY...



...HER VOICE LIKE THE GENTLE WHISPER OF LOTUS LEAVES.



WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IN AN HOUR. IF ONE OF US ISN'T HERE, THE OTHER IS TO WAIT FIFTEEN MINUTES, TO BE SURE, THEN COME LOOKING. GOT IT?



RIGHT. GOOD HUNTING!



THE WORDS HUNG IN THE AIR LIKE DEAD WEIGHT.

WHERE ARE YOU, WOMAN? WHERE?



...CLOSE...



SHE KNOWS THEY ARE GETTING CLOSER, EVER CLOSER.



IN THE AGE OF WORRY OVER ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS AND POPULATION EXPLOSIONS, WE WERE SIMPLY NOT READY FOR SOMETHING SO DIFFERENT! A PSYCHIC EXPLOSION, AN OUTPOURING OF HATE FROM SOME DEMON DIMENSION THAT KILLED THREE-FOURTHS OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION WITH ONE TREMENDOUS BLAST.



WHEN THE BLAST WAS OVER AND THE DEAD BURIED, WE WERE BETTER OFF, SOMEHOW. THOSE THAT REMAINED DID NOT FEEL THE NEED TO HATE, IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A GOLDEN AGE FOR OUR WORLD, WE TOLD OURSELVES.



THEN THE PSYCHIC MUTANTS BEGAN TO APPEAR... PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN CHANGED BY THE BLAST SO THAT THEY COULD SET OFF INCIDENTS OF HATE AND VIOLENCE AT WILL. WE DID THE ONLY THING WE COULD TO KEEP OUR PERFECT WORLD: WE HUNTED DOWN AND KILLED ANY PSYCHIC MUTANT WE FOUND.

MINRA, BARELY NINETEEN, A WOMAN... A GIRL, REALLY. I HAVE TO KILL YOU, MINRA.



...THE HIDING PLACE.



SILENT, MINRA AWAITS
THE COMING OF DEATH...

...DEATH, SO CLEAR
AND SO COLD!



I'VE BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU. COME, SIT
DOWN. THIS EXILE LIFE
HAS MADE ME HUNGRY
FOR CONVERSATION.



I... HAVE
TO KILL
YOU...



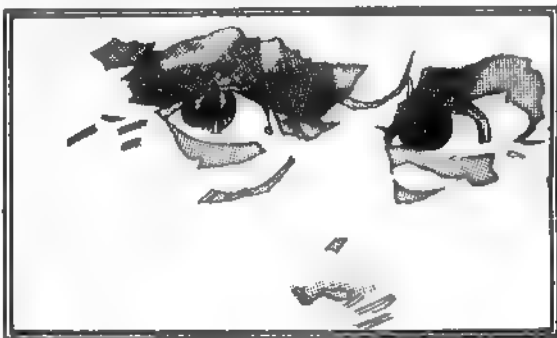
WHY?

SUCH A SIMPLE QUESTION
AND YET THERE CAN BE
NO ANSWER!

YOU'RE A PSYCHIC
MUTANT. YOU'RE A
THREAT TO OUR
PERFECT WORLD.
YOU...



HE FEELS FRUSTRATION
WELL-UP INSIDE...





EVERYONE WAS TOO AMAZED TO DO ANYTHING AT FIRST. THEY HAD THOUGHT VIOLENCE WAS BEHIND THEM.

THEN, AS FAR AS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PIECE THE THINGS TOGETHER, MRS. GALSORTH OPENED HER MOUTH. AND IT BEGAN.

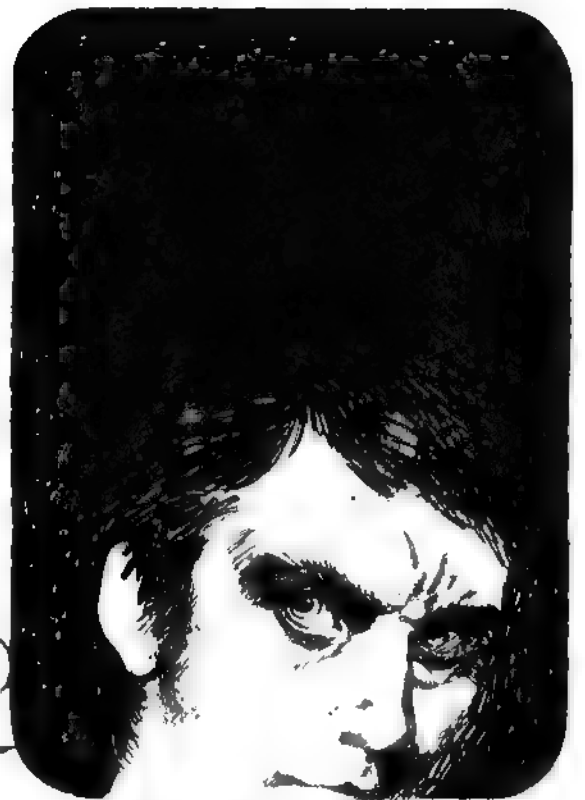
SEEMS MIGHTY PECULIAR THAT MINRA GIRL LEFT BEFORE THE MEN HAD EVEN SAID CROSS WORDS. I HEARD THEM TALKING ON THE NEWS THE OTHER NIGHT ABOUT "MUTATIONS" FROM THE BLAST. PEOPLE WHO HAVE STRANGE POWERS IN THEIR HEADS. THEY'RE ABLE TO DO THINGS LIKE MAKING PEOPLE KILL ONE ANOTHER.





THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK. THEY WANTED AN EASY ANSWER AND THE OLD LADY PROVIDED THEM WITH ONE. THEY SEIZED ON IT AND STALKED OUT OF THE ROOM LOOKING FOR ME. MOB REACTION TOOK OVER. THEY DIDN'T GET ME. *OBVIOUSLY!* I CAME BACK THE NEXT NIGHT AND STOLE SOME CANNED GOODS AND A SLEEPING BAG. THAT FIRST NIGHT IN HIDING WAS HORRIBLE...

YOU'RE COMPLETELY INNOCENT..? A VICTIM OF FATE... ?



IF I HAD ANY SPECIAL POWERS, WOULD I HAVE LET YOU AND YOUR FRIEND LAND? YES, I HEARD THE HELICOPTER. IF I COULD MAKE MEN HATE AND KILL, WOULDN'T I HAVE TURNED YOU AND YOUR FRIEND AGAINST EACH OTHER ?



THERE ARE NO PSYCHIC MUTANTS. THERE NEVER WERE. BUT THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PEOPLE WHO WERE... GENTLE WHO CANNOT OR WILL NOT HATE. THEY SEE VIOLENCE COMING, SEEK TO AVOID IT, AND SOMETIMES THEY BECOME THE FOCUS FOR THAT HATE, BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN HEADS. THEY LASH OUT WHEN CONFUSED. SEEK A TARGET.

BUT THE PSYCHIC EXPLOSION WAS REAL ENOUGH. YOU MUTANTS MUST BE A PIPELINE TO THE DIMENSION THE EXPLOSION CAME FROM! WHY ELSE WOULD THE HATE THAT HAD LEFT US START TO ERUPT AGAIN ?



DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT HATE COMES FROM SOME DEMON DIMENSION? WHY CAN'T YOU ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS? YOU WANT AN EASY SCAPE-GOAT, SOMETHING TO BLAME YOUR HATRED AND STUPIDITY ON! BEFORE IT WAS THE DEVIL, WITCHES. THE "WILL OF THE GODS." NOW IT'S PSYCHIC MUTANTS. BUT YOU MUST SEE THAT IT IS NEITHER! IT'S YOU... AND ME... ALL OF US!



HUMAN BEINGS CAUSED THE PSYCHIC EXPLOSION! OUR HATRED REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT WENT OFF LIKE A BOMB. THERE ARE UNTAPPED MENTAL POWERS WITHIN US ALL... TELEPATHY, TELEKINESIS... FOCUS RAW HATE THROUGH THOSE POWERS, MULTIPLY IT BY MOST OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION, AND BAM! GOD HELP US, WE DESTROYED THREE-FOURTHS OF OUR RACE AND STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED!

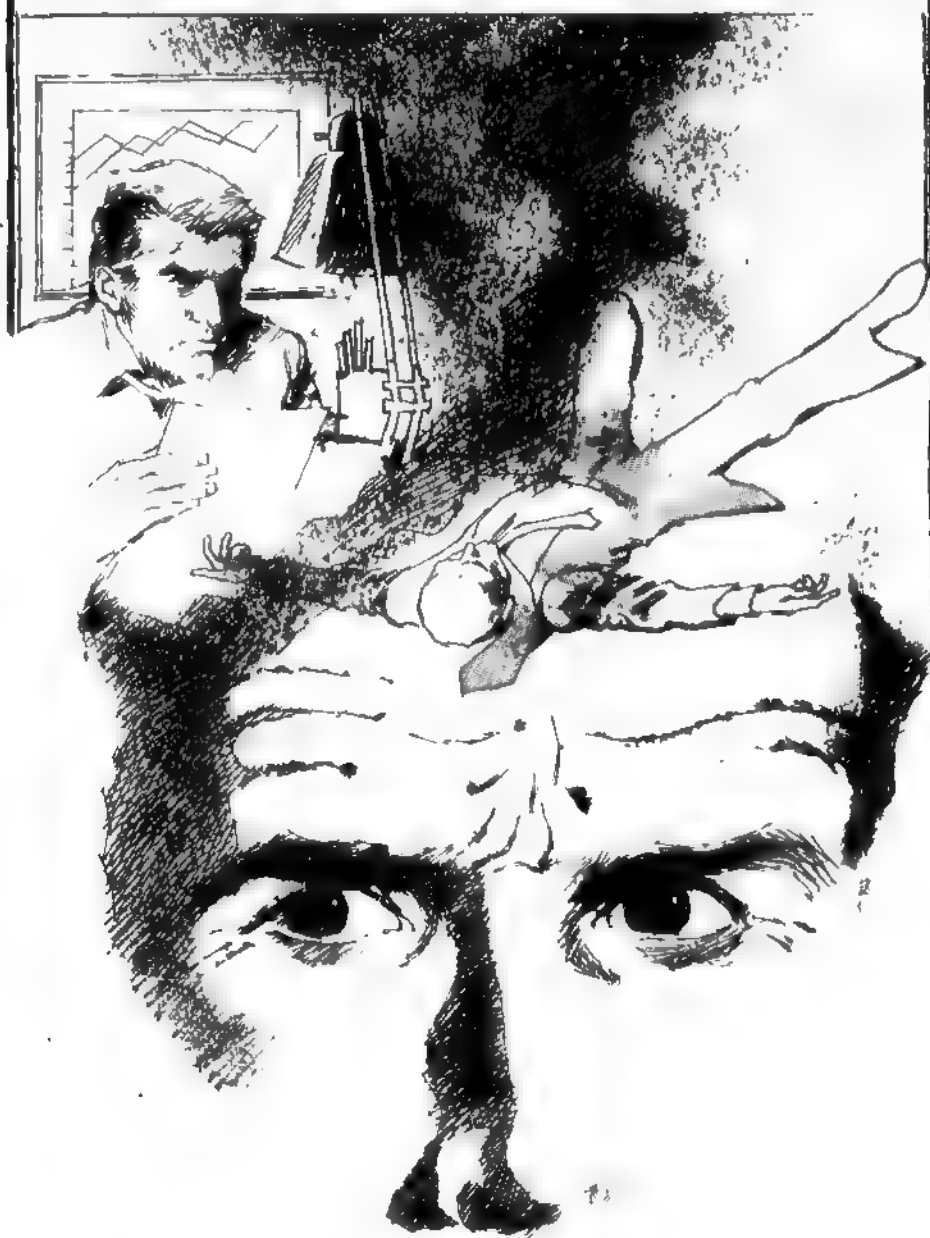


PROLOGUE

TED GOT OFF THE TRAIN WITH A HEADACHE, ARRIVED HOME WITH IT STILL INTACT.

HE WAS EXPECTING HIS WIFE TO MEET HIM AT THE DOOR WITH A COCKTAIL, TO KISS HIM LIGHTLY ON THE CHEEK AND TAKE HIS BRIEF CASE AND HIS COAT. HE WOULD THROW HIS COCKTAIL DOWN, PROBABLY IN ONE GULP, AND ASK FOR ANOTHER, PERHAPS EVEN ASK FOR AN ASPIRIN. HE WOULD SINK DOWN INTO THE SOFA AND LOOSEN HIS TIE.

HE HAD HAD A HARD DAY AT THE OFFICE - MIRIAM HAD QUIT, DOUG HAD ASKED FOR A RAISE, AND THE JANITOR (NOW DECEASED) HAD PUT A WHOOPEE CUSHION ON THE SEAT OF HIS EXECUTIVE DESK CHAIR.



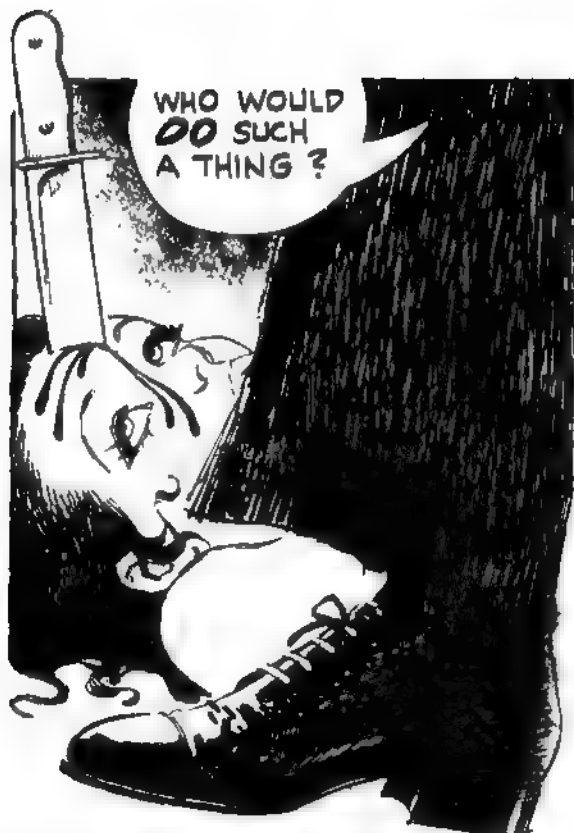
BUT HIS WIFE DIDN'T MEET HIM AT THE DOOR: SHE WAS INSTEAD LYING ON THE NEW RUG IN A POOL OF CRIMSON, A LARGE KNIFE DEEPLY IMBEDDED IN HER SKULL DIRECTLY BETWEEN HER STILL OPEN, BLANKLY- STARING, PALE BLUE EYES, AND BLOOD STILL TRICKLING FROM THE WICKED GASH.



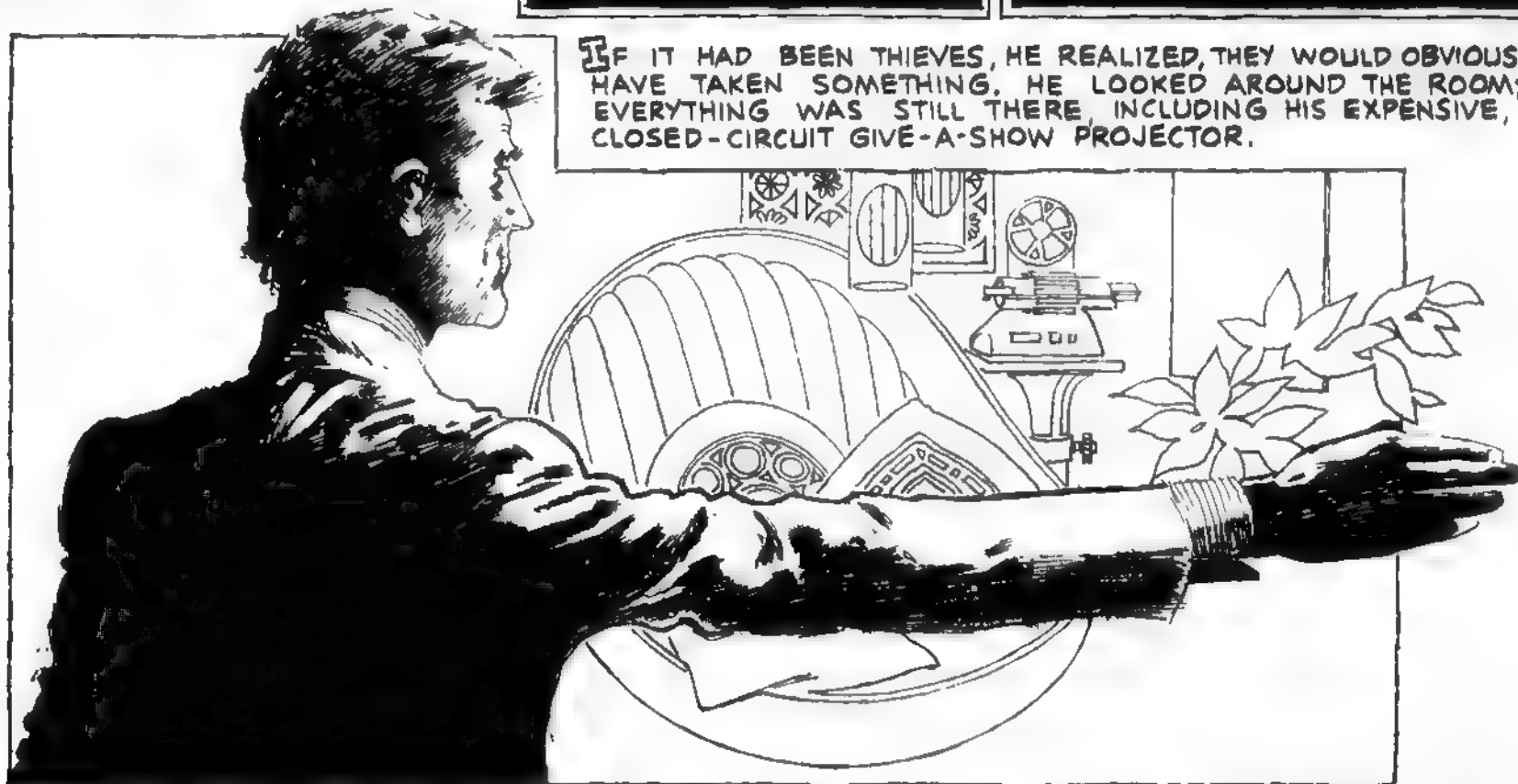
SOME VICTIMS
EH? WELL
PREPARE YOURSELVES
FOR SOME



CHANGES

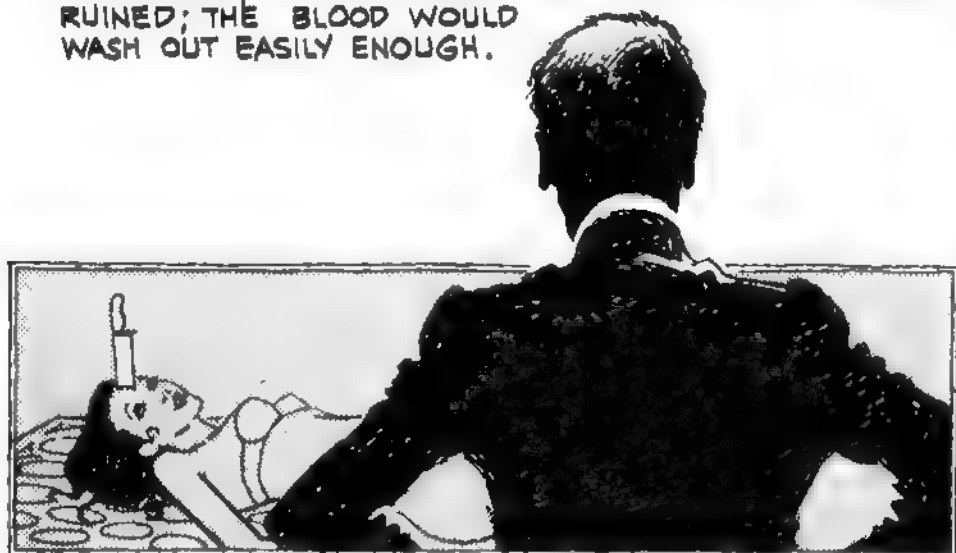


"WHO" TED ASKED HIMSELF OUT LOUD, A BIT SHAKEN, AS HE STEPPED OVER HIS WIFE, WALKED TO THE LIQUOR CABINET, AND MIXED HIS OWN COCKTAIL.



IF IT HAD BEEN VANDALS, THEY WOULD HAVE SMASHED, BROKEN AND DESTROYED EVERYTHING IN THE HOUSE, BUT EVERYTHING WAS INTACT, EXCEPT, OF COURSE, HIS WIFE. EVEN THE RUG HADN'T BEEN RUINED; THE BLOOD WOULD WASH OUT EASILY ENOUGH.

HE HAD ELIMINATED THIEVES AND VANDALS. THAT LEFT ONLY SCOUNDRELS. BUT EVEN THAT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE. WHY WOULD SCOUNDRELS BURY A MEAT CLEAVER IN HIS WIFE'S SKULL? THERE WAS NO INHERENT DRAMA IN THE ACT. NO AUDIENCE TO PLAY TO.



PERHAPS, HE VENTURED, IT WAS NOT ONE OF THESE THREE GROUPS AT ALL. IT COULD HAVE BEEN A NEIGHBOR. AFTER ALL, IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED DURING AN OVERLY HEATED ARGUMENT. SEVERAL OF THE NEIGHBORS WERE STILL QUITE VIOLENT.



BUT STILL, IF ONE OF THEM HAD DONE IT, THE GUILTY PARTY, AFTER SHE HAD CALMED DOWN, SURELY WOULD HAVE CALLED TED AT THE OFFICE AND TOLD HIM ABOUT IT. NO, AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THAT ELIMINATED THE NEIGHBORS, TOO.



HE ABRUPTLY DECIDED TO STOP MULLING OVER THE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND GET ON WITH WHAT WAS IMPORTANT. HE MIXED HIMSELF ANOTHER DRINK FIRST.



HE SOMEWHAT DREADED THE BLOODY JOB THAT LAY AHEAD, FOLLOWED BY THE LONG DRIVE AND THE UNENDING STRING OF QUESTIONS AND FORMS HE'D HAVE TO FILL OUT, BUT IT HAD TO BE DONE.



AND HE KNEW HE SHOULD SEE TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; HE DIDN'T WANT HIS WIFE TO CHANGE TOO MUCH. AND THE LONGER HE WAITED, THE MORE POSSIBILITIES THERE WERE FOR CHANGE.



AND HE WAS FINALLY GETTING ABOUT PRYING THE KNIFE LOOSE FROM HIS WIFE'S SKULL, HE DECIDED THAT PERHAPS, IN ONE WAY AT LEAST, THIS WAS ALL FOR THE BEST.



HE KNEW IT WAS A BIT SELFISH OF HIM, BUT, FOR THE LAST MONTH OR SO, HE HAD BEEN GETTING A BIT SICK OF HIS WIFE... THE WAY SHE WAS. YET SHE HAD DONE NOTHING HERSELF ABOUT BEING CHANGED. NOW IT HAD BEEN DONE FOR HER.

DEBRA, AGE SEVEN, CAME RUSHING IN THE FRONT DOOR JUST THEN, CHOMPING ON HER USUAL HUGE WAD OF CHEWING GUM.

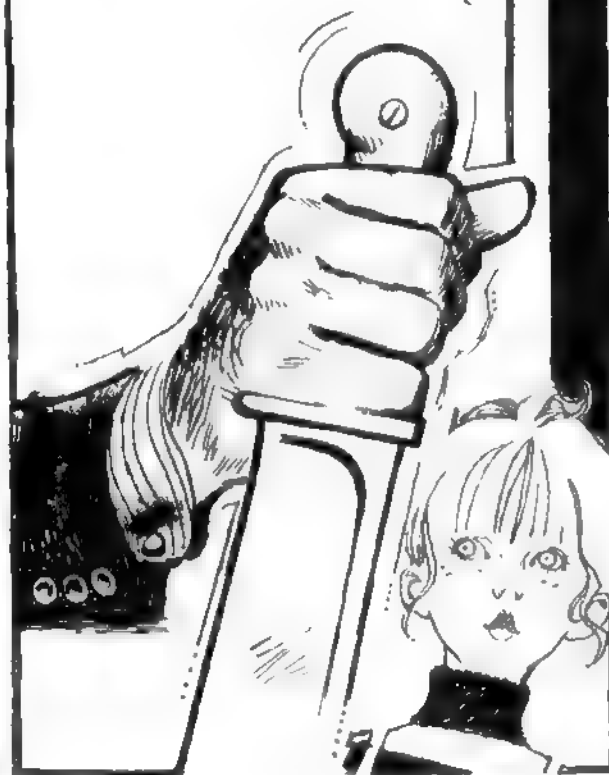


HI, DADDY! IS THAT MOMMY THERE ON THE FLOOR? DID SOMEBODY KILL HER?

YES, DEAR!

DID YOU KILL HER, DADDY?

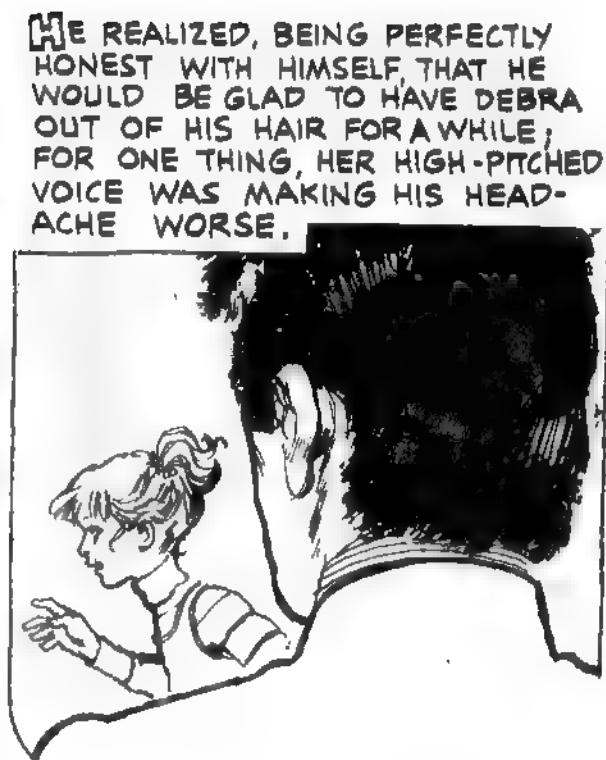
NO, DEAR. EVEN THOUGH I'VE FELT LIKE IT A COUPLE TIMES THIS PAST WEEK, IT WASN'T ME!



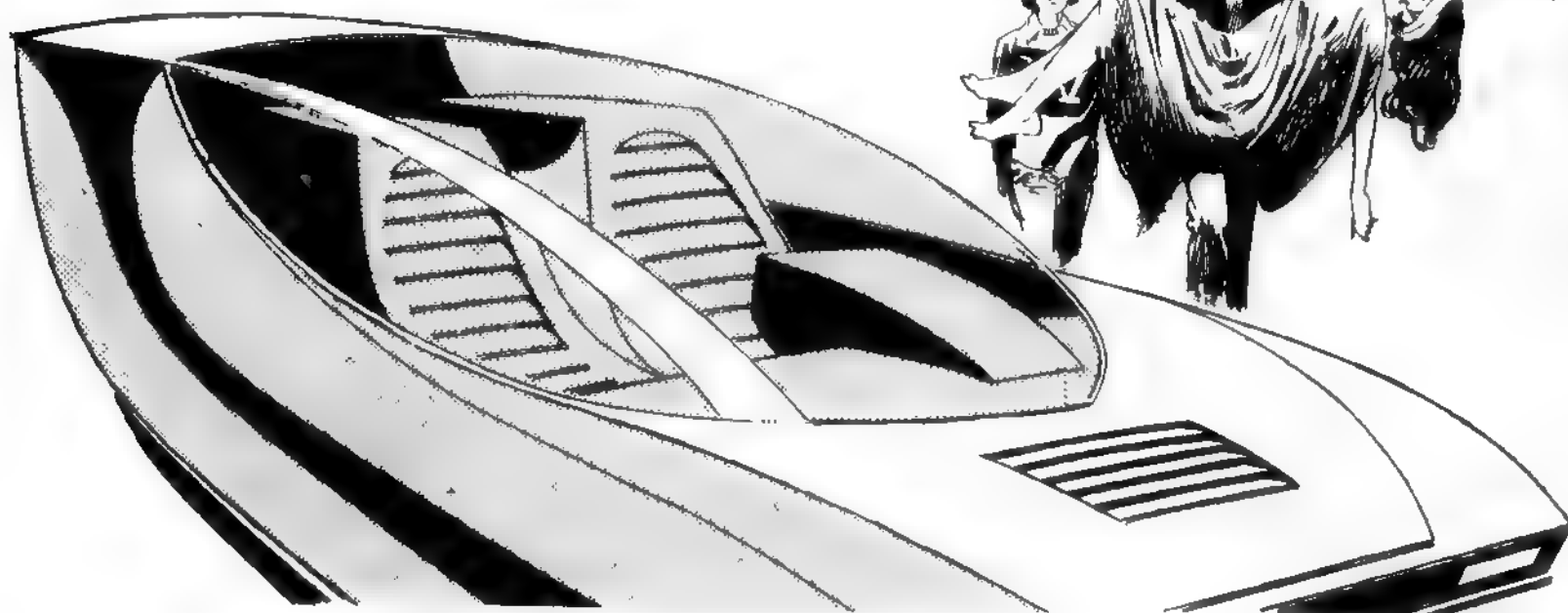
GEE, DADDY, I WAS GOING TO ASK MOMMY IF I COULD GO OVER TO TOMMY'S FOR SUPPER TONIGHT! CAN I ASK YOU, INSTEAD?

SURE, KITTEN!





THEY PICKED HER UP, CARRIED HER OUT TO THE CAR, AND PUT HER IN THE TRUNK.





AT THE OPERATIONS COMPLEX, TED FILLED OUT THE PROPER FORMS, SUGGESTING HOW HE WANTED HIS WIFE CHANGED, AND SPECIFYING IN WHAT PERSONALITY AREAS HE WANTED HER TO REMAIN AS SHE HAD BEEN.

THERE WAS OF COURSE, A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY FOR SURGICAL ERROR, WHICH GREW EVER LARGER IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT PASSED BETWEEN THE DEATH AND THE OPERATION. HOWEVER, SINCE TED HAD BROUGHT IN HIS WIFE ON THE SAME DAY THAT SHE HAD BEEN KILLED, THERE WAS LITTLE FOR HIM TO WORRY ABOUT.

HE HANDED IN THE FORMS ALONG WITH THE BRAIN-WAVE RECORDS TO THE HEAD SURGEON, WHO READ THEM OVER, THEN PASSED THEM ON TO THE POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY THERE AT THE COMPLEX.



THE POLICE OFFICER ASKED TED THE USUAL QUESTIONS...

DID YOU KILL YOUR WIFE?

NO.

DO YOU KNOW WHO DID?

NO.

DO YOU WISH TO GIVE RETRIBUTION?

OF COURSE, WHO DOESN'T?

OH, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF YOUNG COUPLES NOWADAYS WHO DON'T CARE TO GIVE RETRIBUTION. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

THAT NEXT DAY WAS THE FIRST DAY IN TWELVE LONG YEARS THAT TED GOT OFF THE TRAIN WITHOUT HIS TRADITIONAL HEADACHE.



HE HAD HAD A BIT OF TROUBLE AT THE OFFICE THAT DAY (THE JANITOR WAS STILL PLAYING PRACTICAL JOSES AND TED HAD HAD TO KILL HIM AGAIN; HE HOPED THAT THIS TIME THE SURGEONS WOULD BE ABLE TO WEED OUT THAT ANNOYING WARPED SENSE OF HUMOR OF HIS) BUT NOT ENOUGH TROUBLE TO REALLY MATTER. AND THE POLICE HAD CALLED; THEY ALREADY HAD GATHERED UP ENOUGH INFORMATION.



HE WOULD SURELY ALSO HAVE ARRIVED HOME WITHOUT A HEADACHE IF A YOUNG SCOUNDREL HADN'T THROWN A ROCK AT HIS HEAD AS HE WAS PASSING THROUGH THEIR PART OF TOWN.



HER BREASTS WERE LARGER NOW; HE LIKED THAT. HE LIKED HER BLONDE HAIR, TOO. HER RATHER SQUEAKY VOICE WAS THE ONLY THING HE HADN'T COUNTED ON, HADN'T ASKED FOR; IT WAS AN ERROR, BUT THE ONLY ERROR, AND HE WAS THANKFUL FOR THAT.

HIS WIFE MET HIM AT THE DOOR WITH A COCKTAIL, KISSED HIM LIGHTLY ON THE CHEEK AND TOOK HIS BRIEF CASE AND HIS COAT.



HE THREW HIS COCKTAIL DOWN IN ONE GULP AND HE WAS ABOUT TO ASK FOR ANOTHER, WHEN HE REMEMBERED THAT HE NOW HAD THE INFORMATION.



RE-PACK
MY BRIEF
CASE!

... FOR THE
RETRIBUTION!



HIS WIFE OF COURSE, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD "RETRIBUTION" MEANT. AND IF SHE HAD KNOWN, SHE STILL WOULDN'T HAVE REALIZED WHO OR WHAT THE RETRIBUTION WAS FOR. THE MEMORIES OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING HER DEATH HAD BEEN, FOR HER OWN SAKE, TAKEN OUT OF HER MIND.

SHE WENT ABOUT HER BRIEF- CASE- PACKING DUTIES, WHICH HAD BEEN PROGRAMMED INTO HER MIND. HAPPILY, WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS. TED LIKED THAT, TOO.



LATER, WITH HIS RE-PACKED BRIEF CASE IN HAND, AS HE RUSHED THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE SMALL, SUBURBAN TOWN, TED DWELLED AGAIN ON THE FACT THAT IT HAD BEEN A SCOUNDREL AFTER ALL.



WHEN THE POLICE HAD TOLD HIM, HE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT; HE STILL COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT. HE'D HAVE TO WATCH HIS STEP, OF COURSE, AS HE PASSED THROUGH THEIR PART OF TOWN, OR HE MIGHT BE PELTED TO DEATH WITH ROCKS AND STONES.



BUT IT WAS WORTH THE RISK.

HE FINALLY MADE IT SAFELY TO THE CRUDE DWELLING OF THE HASKELLS, AND KNOCKED ON THE OLD FASHIONED, WOODEN DOOR.



IT WAS A WOMAN WHO OPENED THE DOOR.



MRS. HASKELL?

YES?



HE OPENED THE BRIEF CASE, TOOK OUT THE CLEAVER, AND, BEFORE SHE COULD EVEN SHRIEK, BURIED IT IN HER SKULL.



AS SHE FELL, A WEIRD SENSATION, A WEIRD SENSE OF SATISFACTION, WASHED OVER HIM - A SENSE OF SATISFACTION HE HAD NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.



HE HAD ENACTED RETRIBUTION BEFORE, OF COURSE, BUT NEVER AGAINST A SCOUNDREL. HE GUESSED THAT THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE. THIS WEIRD SENSE OF SATISFACTION CAME, HE WAS CERTAIN, FROM THE FACT THAT HE KNEW THAT THESE STRANGE FANATICS THE SCOUNDRELS, DID NOT BELIEVE IN REVITALIZING OPERATIONS OR IN CHANGES.

THIS WOMAN WITH THE DOWDY DRESS AND UNAPPEALING FIGURE WAS TRULY DEAD.

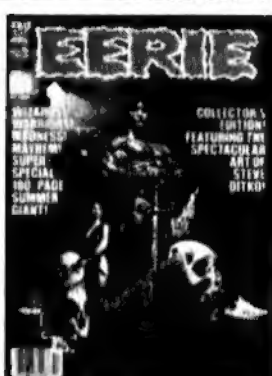


CUTS YOU TO THE QUICK, DOESN'T IT?



**THE NEW AGE OF ILLUSTRATED EPIC
ADVENTURE IS READY FOR DELIVERY NOW!**

#110, ON SALE OCT. 5



EERIE: All-Steve Ditko issue!
A 96 page summer special
featuring ten vintage tales by
Ditko and Archie Goodwin!

10 ISSUES \$19.00
20 ISSUES \$35.00

CAPTURE GAME

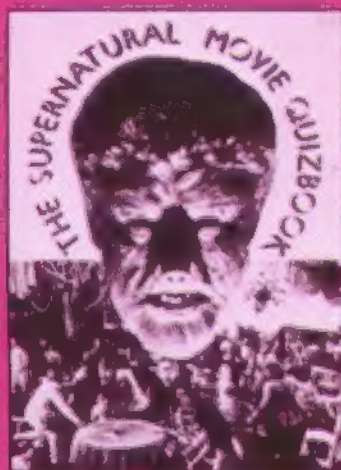
CAPTAIN COMPANY P.O. Box 430, Murray Hill Station, New York, N.Y. 10016

● HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS! ●

HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ● HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ● HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ●



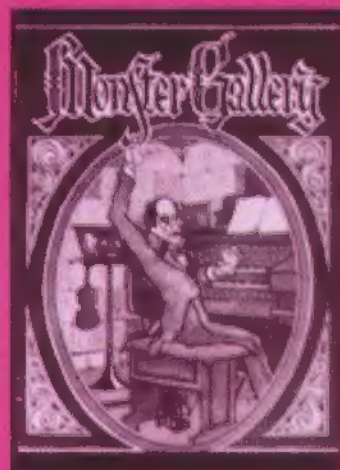
SPIRIT COLORING BOOK: The greatest Spirit splash pages from the 40's to color...plus detailed story summaries! #21160/\$2.50



SUPERNATURAL MOVIE QUIZ BOOK: Hundreds of questions on your favorite horror films, and classic photos! #21257/\$4.95



MONSTERS COLORING BOOK: Huge 11 x 17" format! Terrific Bernie Wrightson artwork and poison pen poetry! #21172/\$4.00



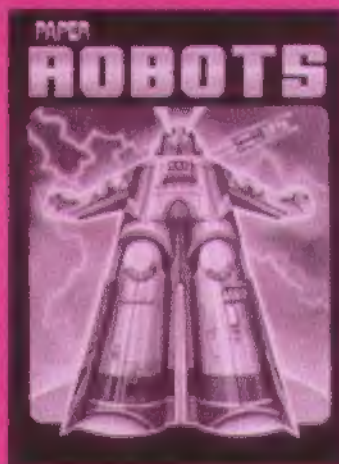
MONSTER GALLERY COLORING BOOK: Pictures of & text on the Phantom, the Mummy, Frankenstein, others! #21090/\$2.50



PAPER MOVIE MACHINES: Instructions and materials for making your own cartoon movies! Easier than it sounds! #21303/\$2.50



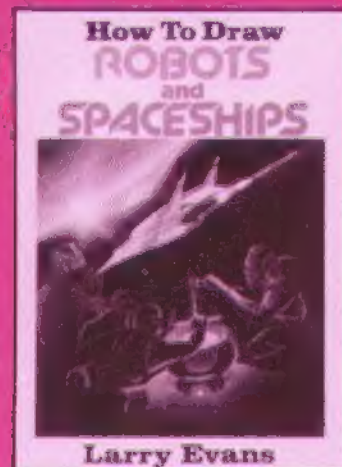
PAPER ROCKETS: Color 'em, cut 'em out, glue 'em together and blast off! Printed on sturdy stock! Fuel not included! #21417/\$3.50



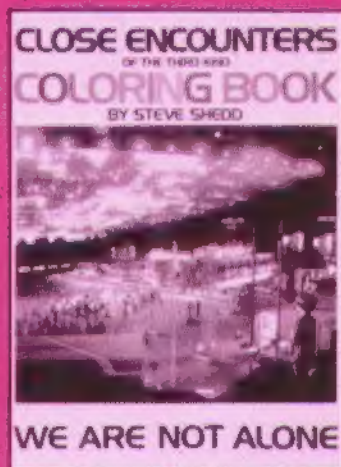
PAPER ROBOTS: Color, cut out & assemble your own fleet of flying robots! On sturdy stock! Name plates included! #21428/\$3.50



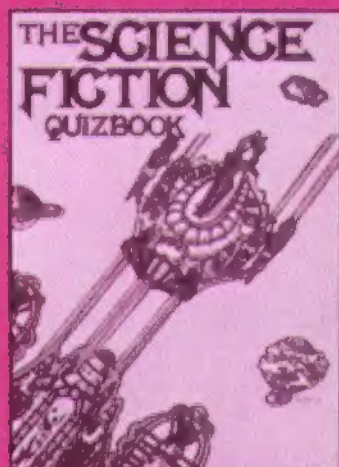
PAPER STARSHIPS: Futuristic jet fighters for coloring, cutting out & assembling! Printed on extra-sturdy stock! #21418/\$3.50



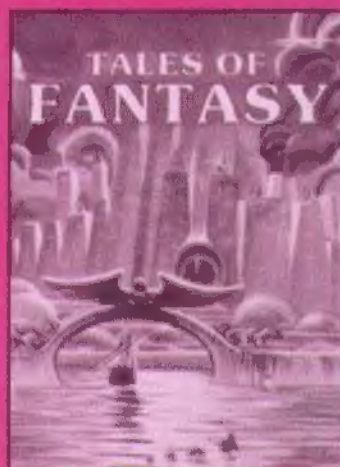
HOW TO DRAW ROBOTS AND SPACESHIPS: Easy-to-follow tips! Covers weaponry, space stations, probes, and more! #21380/\$4.50



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS COLORING BOOK: This book of full-page pix for coloring, also tells the story of the movie! #21312/\$1.25



SCIENCE FICTION QUIZ BOOK: Out of this world quizzes and games on your favorite science fiction films & novels! #21387/\$4.95



TALES OF FANTASY: Pictures for coloring, plus detailed stories! Conan, Sinbad, Merlin, Lord of the Rings, much more! #21258/\$2.50



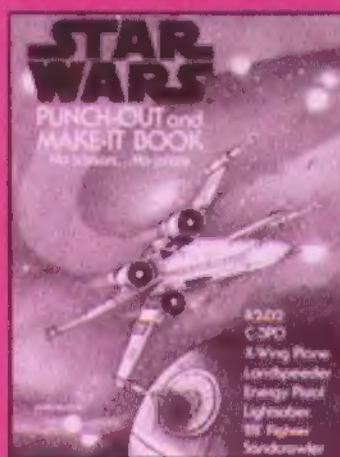
STAR GAMES: Exciting computerized space games for one or more players! Galactic Computer Wheel included! #21360/.95¢



METEOR ACTIVITY BOOK: Coloring, cut-outs, games and puzzles...plus fascinating factual information! Red hot! #21394/\$1.25



MONSTER MOVIE GAME: Quizzes, games and photos on all the most fearsome fiends in film! It's a scream! #21161/\$2.00



STAR WARS PUNCH-OUT AND MAKE IT BOOK: Make C-3PO, R2-D2, ships, weapons! No paste or scissors needed! #21324/\$3.95

HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ● HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ● HORROR & SCI-FI FUN BOOKS ●

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient RUSH ORDER FORM.

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK



TAUNTAUN ACTION FIGURE

TAUNTAUN ACTION CREATURE The Incredible snow creature from the ice planet Hoth that carries Han Solo on a dangerous mission across the icy wastes. An especially designed trap door on the Tauntaun's back allows for the insertion of your action figure. When the action figure is removed, the trap door closes. The Tauntaun stands on his hind legs which are movable as are his paws. This action figure is molded in detailed grey and brown plastic for that exotically furry appearance! #26231/\$10.95



TWIN POD CLOUD CAR This catamaran cloud car cruises the cirulean skys of the vital mining colony of Bespin. Pods have clear canopies that open and close easily for entry of your action figures. The cloud car comes complete with manually operable landing gear for fast take-offs and landings! #26235/\$11.95



ARMORED SNOW SPEEDER This highly maneuverable speedster is used to defend the rebel base on the ice planet Hoth! Cockpit canopy opens to admit the pilot and gunner action figures. Complete with pulsating lasers and laser sound plus removable harpoon for hand combat! Batteries not included. #26236/\$21.95



HOTH ICE-PLANET ADVENTURE SET Rebel soldiers attempt to defend their planet with radar laser cannon! But the Imperial Stormtroopers march over the molded snow peaks with all Terrain Armored Transport "walkers!" The set also includes ice-levers for mock action battles, plus manually operated elevator. Easily assembled. #26232—\$13.95



IMPERIAL ATTACK BASE Imperial forces in ice-carved trenches battle rebels with a realistic sounding laser machine gun. Hand operated ice levers create action by collapsing ice bridge, exploding a mine and blowing up the command post. Assembly required. The action figures are sold separately. #26233—\$15.95

To order any of these items, please see last page of this magazine for convenient **RUSH ORDER FORM**.